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Foreword

It gives me great pleasure, for several reasons, to introduce the author of this book. In the first place, not only are we contemporaries but we also come from the same area: he comes from Cheliabinsk and I from neighbouring Zlatoust. So "Zhenya" Sveshnikov and I have known each other from childhood. We often played together in the junior teams of the Russian Federation, and then the Soviet Union. We both had the same trainer: Leonid Aronovich Gratvol, who was fanatically devoted to developing junior chess. It is perhaps thanks to him that the future grandmaster grew to love not only the work of chess analysis but also coaching, which he started relatively young. Usually, active players prefer tournament play to spending time and energy on other chess activities. Yet Evgeny Ellinovich has managed, not only to win over seventy international tournaments during his long career, but also to bring on the talents of dozens of grandmasters and masters.

Secondly I should mention the high quality of analysis of my old comrade, his conscientiousness and his basic honesty, which I came to appreciate many times in the years when Grandmaster Sveshnikov was one of my trainers during my difficult matches against Garry Kasparov.

Thirdly, I am anxious to stress that our collaboration continues in various ways. Evgeny Ellinovich helps me prepare for important events, teaches in the Anatoly Karpov School and willingly assists when I fly with colleagues to promote the game of chess in distant regions of Russia. I should add that he often does this on his own initiative as well; it is thanks to him that chess schools have revived in the Altai and South-Urals regions.

Finally I must mention his fanatical and stubborn work in researching the openings, which eventually brought him brilliant success. I recall that thirty years ago, during a USSR championship event, I said to him pityingly: "Zhenya, why do you keep torturing yourself by playing that Sicilian with ...e7–e5? Choose something simpler and you'll play much more easily!" Today I have to admit that I was wrong: he was right not to listen to me: today everybody plays the Sveshnikov Variation! And as a fellow native of the Urals, I am pleased that this system is also known as the "Cheliabinsk Variation".

Unfortunately, his monograph on the Sveshnikov Sicilian has until now remained practically the only publication by this grandmaster in the Russian language. But now finally this new theoretical work of Evgeny Sveshnikov is available. It is devoted to the popular 3. e5 system against the French Defence. Its popularity is once more largely due to its constant adoption by Sveshnikov, who has developed a fantastic feel for its nuances. It has helped him amass a plus-score (70% from over 150 games!) against such French Defence experts as Evgeny Bareev. The author believes that Black cannot equalise against the Advance Variation and to date no-one has been able to prove the contrary.

I consider this book to be a real manual, original in its conception and excellent in its execution. It not only teaches you how to play a specific variation of the French Defence, it also helps you understand many strategic ideas and their practical application in

the middlegame, which for the majority of players is even more important.

A book by such an outstanding grandmaster and theoretician should prove useful to a wide readership. Club, Internet and weekend tournament players will find that Volume 1 will quickly give them a good grounding in what is really a very unpleasant (for Black) plan of attack. Masters (and even grandmasters) will find in Volume 2 a real master-class by the world expert in this variation.

Anatoly Karpov
Many-times World Champion

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Evgeny Sveshnikov and Anatoly Karpov

Introduction

I have been using the 3. e5 system against the French Defence for about thirty years. How did this weapon become part of my arsenal? In the 1970s chess information was not as readily available as it is in today's computer age; it was difficult to obtain it and process it. I got into the habit of self-reliance, trusting solely my own ideas. I understood that the move 3. e5 was not objectively the strongest, but I had no desire to compete with such experienced French-specialists as, for instance, Vaganian, in the long and complex lines that arise after the main continuation 3. ♘c3. Thus I chose the 3. e5 system against the French (and similarly 2. c3 against the Sicilian) for practical reasons, since I understood that my opponents would be focusing their attention on the moves 3. ♘c3 and 3. ♘d2 which were much more popular at that time.

By the end of the 1980s I had accumulated enough theoretical and practical material on the 3. e5 system. I prepared a talk for my pupils which I ended up giving to over a thousand people. What I found interesting was this: when I tried to teach concrete variations to players of 2nd or even 1st Category, they just looked bored and remembered nothing. On the other hand, if I explained a typical idea by means of an illustrative game, they learnt it for ever. So for learning a new pattern it is best to use well-annotated games, in which the main ideas and plans of both sides can be clearly explained. When the pupil understands the general idea he can memorise the concrete variations more easily.

At the start of the 1990s I wrote a quite extensive article on 3. e5!? for *New in Chess Year Book*. The very positive response to that article prompted me to undertake the present book project, well aware that it would require not just a lot of time ...

It is well known that the choice of a plan is based on the pawn structure in the centre and the dynamic placement of the pieces. In my opinion it is not very useful to talk about a particular pawn structure without placing it in the context of a concrete opening. A student who has not reached at least the minimum level of candidate master will have difficulty in assimilating such material. My teaching experience tells me that the material can be assimilated much better if it is taught in the context of an actual opening.

I decided to begin this book with an explanation of the main ideas for each side; each plan is illustrated with games and extensive commentary. Other things being equal, I have given preference to games by the players who were the first to employ a particular plan. Incidentally, most of the annotations were made without consulting a computer, and in this lies their chief merit, since all the ideas are "human". Of course, the variations were then checked later with analysis engines, to eliminate crude oversights. The computer is a valuable assistant for the technical work but in the realm of ideas it is actually, with rare exceptions, of little use.

Further on we present the reader with a series of test positions and solutions to reinforce what has been learnt. Since one of the most common themes of the Advance Variation is to blockade the centre and play against the weakened dark squares, I have included a chapter on this topic.

I wanted to write a book that would be interesting and instructive not just to ordinary players but also to candidate masters, masters and even grandmasters. The practical strength of a player and his understanding of the opening are often at different levels. It often happens that even experienced players go astray in unfamiliar positions. That is why even for them it is useful to reflect once again upon the "why", the general bases underlying the concrete variations that they have memorised.

For advanced players who have studied the first two chapters of Volume 1, I have provided in Volume 2 some reference material in tabular "Encyclopaedia" format, plus theoretically important games with light notes only – to encourage independent analysis. I have also drawn attention to what at present appear to be the most critical positions.

Chess is not just a sport – it is also an element of culture, which is why I usually begin my opening studies with a historical review. I consider it essential to pay tribute to all those who have contributed to the development of this variation, and to trace its development.

Volume 1 (Basic Course) consists of:

1) Historical overview

2) Explanation of the plans for both sides through games annotated in detail

3) A chapter on blockade

4) Test positions

After assimilating this material you can move onto a more professional study ("one step at a time").

Volume 2 (Advanced Course) consists of:

1) Theoretically important games for independent analysis

2) Encyclopaedia

3) Conclusions: the likely future development of the 3. e5 system

4) Games for further study

5) The latest theoretical developments

Naturally I hope that this two-volume work will become not only a manual for club, Internet and weekend tournament players, but will also prove a useful reference for masters and even grandmasters.

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That I have been able to bring this immensely time-consuming but equally interesting work to a successful conclusion is very much due to the efforts of International Master Vladimir Barsky, whom I should like to thank sincerely here for his collaboration in the development and completion of this book project.

Symbols

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
♔	King	♗	Bishop
♕	Queen	♘	Knight
♖	Rook	♙	Pawn
+	Check	#	Mate
×	captures	N	new move
0–0	short castling	0–0–0	long castling
∞	unclear position	⩱	compensation for the material
±	White has a slight advantage	∓	Black has a slight advantage
±	White has a clear advantage	∓	Black has a clear advantage
+–	White has a decisive advantage	–+	Black has a decisive advantage
1–0	Black resigns	0–1	White resigns
=	equal position	½–½	Draw
→	with attack	↑	with initiative
⇄	with counterplay	□	only move
!?	interesting move	?!	dubious move
!	good move	?	bad move
!!	brilliant move	??	very bad move
ICC	Internet Chess Club	ACP	Association of Chess Professionals
PCA	Professional Chess Association		
⇧	White to move	⇩	Black to move

Chapter 1

Theoretically important games for independent analysis

In computer databases there are over 25,000 games beginning with the moves 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. *e*5 (C02 in the classification of the Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings). To save the reader from drowning in this sea of information, I have selected about fifty games for their instructional or theoretical value. I hope that my comments (sometimes short, sometimes quite extensive) on these games will provide a sound basis for your own investigations of this opening, since it is difficult to achieve good competitive results in modern chess without carrying out your own independent analytical work.

The first part of this chapter consists of games by great figures in chess history, by world champions and by the great chess thinker David Ionovich Bronstein. Then I present games organised into thematic sections and arranged chronologically within each section. I want to stress once again that each such classification is always relative in character.

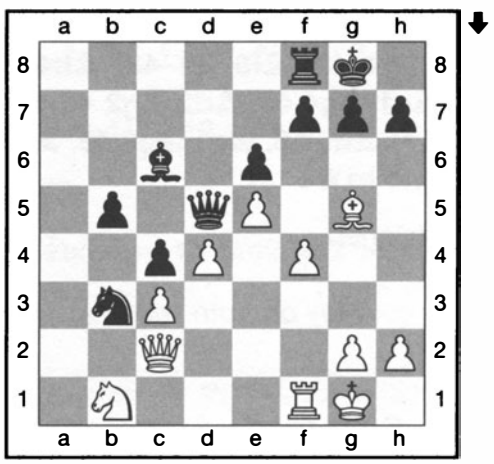
Counterplay for Black on the queenside

Game 1

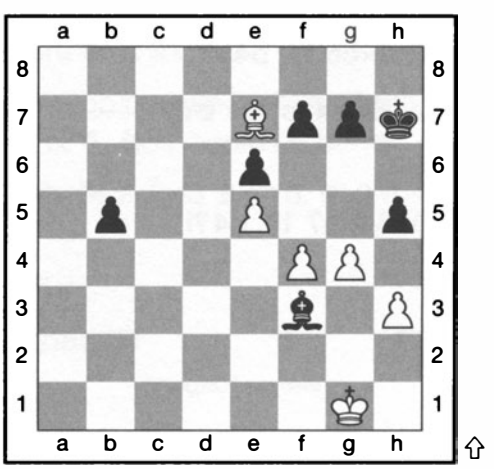
N.N. – Greco

Europe 1620

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e3 c4 7. b3 b5 8. a4 a6 9. a×b5 a×b5 10. ♖×a8 ♕×a8 11. b×c4 d×c4 12. ♗e2 ♘ge7 13. 0–0 ♘d5 14. ♗d2 ♗e7 15. ♘g5 ♗×g5 16. ♗×g5 0–0 17. ♗f3 ♘a5 18. ♗×d5 ♕×d5 19. f4 ♗c6 20. ♕d2 ♘b3 21. ♕c2



21...♘×d4 22. c×d4 ♕×d4+ 23. ♔h1 ♗e4 24. ♕c3 ♕c5 25. ♘d2 ♗d3 26. ♖c1 ♖c8 27. ♘b3 c×b3 28. ♕×c5 ♖×c5 29. ♖×c5 h6 30. ♖c3 b2 31. ♖b3 b1♕+ 32. ♖×b1 ♗×b1 33. ♗e7 ♔h7 34. g4 ♗e4+ 35. ♔g1 ♗f3 36. h3 h5



37. g5?

37. ♔f2 h×g4 38. h×g4 (38. ♔g3 g×h3 39. ♔×f3 ♔g6 40. ♗b4 ♔f5 41. ♗d2 h2 42. ♔g2 ♔e4 43. ♔×h2 ♔d3 44. ♗e1 ♔c4 45. ♔g3 b4 46. ♗d2 b3 47. ♗c1 ♔c3−+) 38...♗×g4 39. ♔e3 ♔g6 40. ♗f8 f6 41. e×f6 g×f6 42. ♔e4 ♗f5+ 43. ♔d4 ♗c2 44. ♔c3 ♗d1 45. ♔d2 ♗g4 46. ♔e3 ♔f5 47. ♗d6 e5 48. f×e5 f×e5∓.

37...♔g6 38. ♔f2 ♗d5 39. ♔e3 h4 40. ♔f2 ♔f5 41. ♔e3

41. g6 ♔×g6 42. ♗×h4 b4 43. ♗e7 b3 44. ♗a3 ♔f5 45. ♔e3 ♗g2−+.

41...♗g2 42. ♗f8 g6 43. ♗b4 ♗×h3 44. ♗e1 ♔g4 45. ♗d2 ♗g2 46. ♔f2 h3 47. ♗c1 ♗d5 48. ♔g1 ♔g3 49. ♗e3 h2+ 50. ♔f1 h1♕+

White resigned.

Play on both wings

Game 2

Cochrane – Staunton
Match, London 1841

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. f4?! ♕b6 6. ♘f3 ♘h6 7. ♗d3 ♗e7

7...c×d4 8. c×d4 ♗d7 9. ♗c2 ♘b4 10. ♘c3 ♘×c2+ 11. ♕×c2 ♘f5 12. ♕d3 h5∓.

8. ♗c2 0–0 9. 0–0 f5 10. ♔h1 ♗d7 11. h3 ♖ac8 12. a3 a5 13. ♖g1?

13. d×c5 ♗×c5 14. b4⇄.

13...c×d4 14. c×d4 ♕c7

14...♗e8∓.

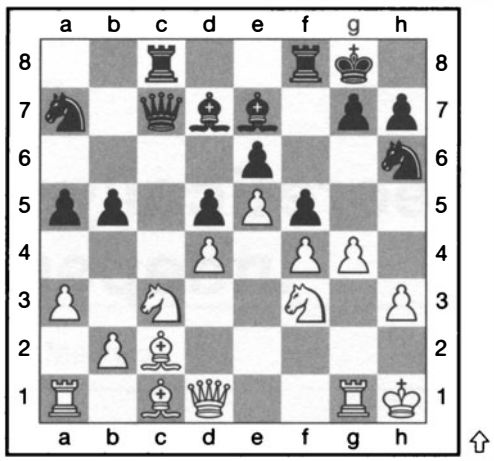
15. ♘c3 ♘a7 16. g4?!

16. ♗d3!⇄.

16...b5

(see next diagram)

16...♘b5 17. ♗d2 ♘×c3 18. b×c3 g6∓.



17. g×f5?

17. g5 ♘f7 18. ♗d3=.

17...b4?!

17...♘×f5∓.

18. f×e6?

18. f6! ♗×f6 19. e×f6 ♖×f6 20. a×b4 a×b4 21. ♘e2+−.

18...♗×e6= 19. ♘g5?!

19. a×b4 a×b4 20. ♖a6⇄.

19...♗×g5 20. f×g5 ♘f5∓ 21. ♗×f5 ♗×f5 22. ♘e2?

22. a×b4.

22...♗e4+ 23. ♔h2 ♕c2

23...♖f2+ 24. ♔g3 ♕f7−+.

24. ♕e1

24. a×b4 ♖f2+ 25. ♔g3 ♖×e2 26. ♕×c2 ♖e×c2 27. b×a5 ♘c6 28. ♗e3 ♖e2∓.

24...♘b5−+ 25. ♗e3 ♕d3 26. ♖g3 ♖c2

White resigned.

Development advantage for Black

Game 3

McConnell – Morphy
New Orleans 1850

Morphy provides a clear demonstration of how to play against 5. f4.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. f4?! ♕b6∓

5...c×d4 6. c×d4 ♕b6 7. ♘f3 ♘h6 8. ♘c3 ♘f5 9. ♘a4 ♕a5+ 10. ♗d2 ♗b4∓.

6. ♘f3 ♗d7 7. a3 ♘h6 8. b4 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♖c8

9...♘f5!∓ 10. ♗b2 ♖c8.

10. ♗b2

10. ♘c3! ♘×d4 11. ♕×d4 ♕×d4 12. ♘×d4 ♖×c3 13. ♗b2 ♖c8 14. ♗e2∓.

10...♘f5∓ 11. ♕d3?

11. ♕d2 ♗e7 12. ♗e2 f6!? 13. g4!? (13. 0–0 f×e5 14. f×e5 0–0±) 13...♘h6 (13...♘f×d4?! 14. ♗×d4 ♘×d4 15. ♕×d4 ♖c1+ 16. ♗d1±) 14. e×f6 g×f6 15. f5 ♘f7 16. ♘c3 ♖g8 17. f×e6 ♗×e6∞ or 12...h5! 13. 0–0 a6∓.

11...♗×b4+!∓ 12. a×b4?

12. ♘bd2.

12...♘×b4–+ 13. ♕d2 ♖c2 14. ♕d1 ♘e3

White resigned.

1.1 Games by World Champions

After studying the games with 3. e5 featuring World Champions, I can safely say that from the viewpoint of opening theory they contributed nothing of importance. But world champions are world champions, and it is obviously interesting to see how they handled this opening. In Volume 1 we have already seen some games by world champions; now we are going to look at a few further interesting examples.

In the following game the first World Champion did not handle the opening very well. White won only thanks to an unsound piece sacrifice by his opponent.

For and against the blockade

Game 4

Steinitz – Tinsley
London 1899

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 f6 6. e×f6?!

Why develop the opponent's pieces for him? 6. ♗d3 or 6. ♗b5 would be better.

6...♘×f6 7. ♗d3 ♗d6 8. 0–0 0–0 9. ♖e1 ♗d7

9...♕b6⇄.

10. ♘bd2?!

10. ♘a3.

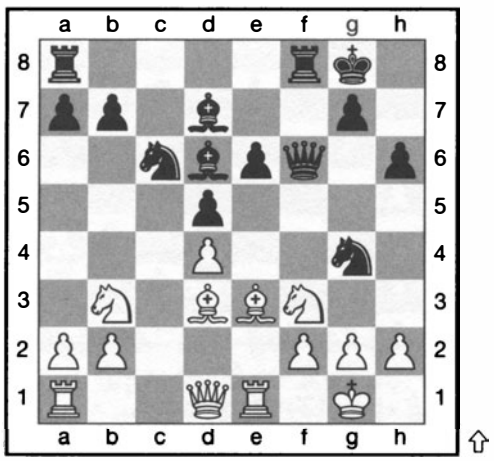
10...c×d4 11. c×d4 h6

11...♕c7∓.

12. ♘b3 ♘g4 13. ♗e3

13. h3?! ♘×f2 14. ♔×f2 ♕h4+ 15. ♔e2 (15. ♔g1 ♖×f3−+) 15...♕g3→.

13...♕f6



14. ♗c2

14. h3 ♘×e3 15. ♖×e3 e5 16. d×e5 ♘×e5 17. ♗b5 ♗c6 18. ♘bd4 ♘×f3+ 19. ♘×f3 (19. ♖×f3 ♕e5 20. g3 ♖×f3 21. ♘×f3 ♕×b2 22. ♗×c6 b×c6∓) 19...♕×b2 20. ♖b1 ♕f6∓ (20...♕×a2!?∞).

14...♘b4 15. ♗b1 ♖ac8 16. a3 ♗×h2+?

16...♘c6 17. ♕d3 e5!?⇄.

17. ♘×h2 ♘×e3 18. f×e3 ♕f2+ 19. ♔h1 ♘c2+

19...♗a4 20. ♕d2!±.

20. ♖e2+− ♘×e3 21. ♕d3

Black resigned.

Play on both wings

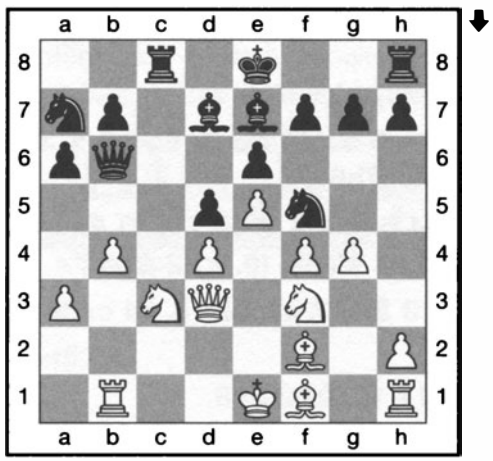
Game 5

Capablanca – Paredes
Havana (casual game) 1901

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. f4?! c×d4 6. c×d4 ♕b6 7. ♘f3 ♗d7

7...♘h6! 8. ♘c3 ♘f5 9. ♘a4 ♕a5+ 10. ♔f2 b5 11. ♘c3 b4 12. ♘a4 ♗a6∓.

8. ♘c3 ♖c8 9. ♖b1 ♗b4 (9...♘h6∓) **10. ♕d3 a6** (10...♘h6) **11. a3 ♗e7 12. b4 ♘h6 13. ♗e3 ♘f5 14. ♗f2 ♘a7** (14...h5!⇄) **15. g4**



15...♘b5?

15...♘h6 16. h3 ♗b5⇄.

16. ♘a4+− ♕c7 17. g×f5 ♘×a3 18. ♕×a3 ♕c2 19. ♗d3 ♕×a4 20. ♕×a4 ♗×a4 21. ♔d2 0–0 22. f6 g×f6 23. ♗h4 ♔h8 24. ♗×f6+ ♗×f6 25. e×f6 ♖g8 26. ♖hg1 h6 27. ♘e5 ♖×g1 28. ♘×f7+ ♔g8 29. ♘×h6+

Black resigned.

The future world champion played the opening very uncertainly, probably owing to his youth.

Blockading knight

Game 6

Euwe – Abdul Satar
Indonesia (simul) 1930

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. d×c5 ♗×c5 7. ♗d3 ♕c7 8. ♕e2 ♘ge7 9. b4 ♗b6 10. 0–0 ♘g6 11. ♖e1 a5 12. b5 ♘ce7 13. a4 ♗c5 14. ♗d2 ♖d8 15. ♘a3 ♗c8 16. ♘c2 ♘f5 17. ♘cd4 ♕b6

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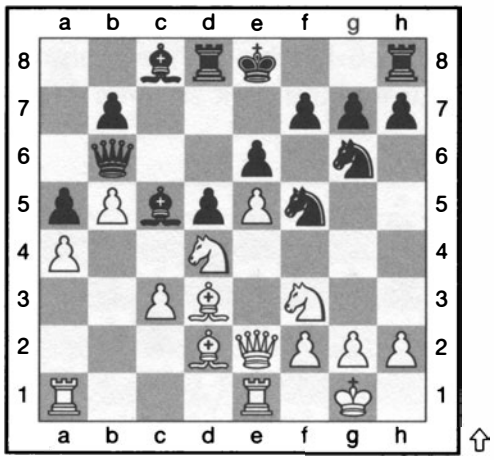


18. ♗×f5 e×f5 19. ♗g5 ♗e7 20. ♗×e7 ♘×e7 21. e6 f6 22. ♘h4 0–0 23. ♘h×f5 ♘×f5 24. ♘×f5 ♖fe8 25. ♕g4 g6 26. ♘d4 ♖d6 27. ♕f3 ♕d8 28. ♖e3 ♗×e6 29. ♖ae1 ♗f7 30. ♖×e8+ ♗×e8 31. ♕e3 ♗f7 32. ♕e7 ♕b6 33. h4 ♖d8 34. ♖e6 ♗×e6 35. ♘×e6

Black resigned.

Euwe carried out very well the idea of his predecessors – 6. d×c5 and 9. b4 followed by occupation of the d4 square. He used the same strategy in another simultaneous game: 5...h6 6. ♗d3 a6 7. d×c5 ♗×c5 8. 0–0 ♕c7 9. ♕e2 ♗d7 10. ♘bd2 ♘ge7 11. b4 ♗a7 12. ♘b3 b5 13. ♗d2 g6 14. ♘bd4 g5 15. h3 ♗b8 16. ♖fe1 ♖f8 17. a4± (Euwe – Ahmed, Indonesia (simul) 1930), although he did not succeed in converting his advantage and even went on to lose.

In the following game Alekhine failed to use this idea.

For and against the blockade

Game 7
Alekhine – A. Marshall
England (simul) 1923

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. ♘f3 ♘d7?! 5. c3 f6 6. ♗f4 ♘b6 7. ♗b5+?!

7. d×c5 ♗×c5 8. b4 ♗f8 9. ♘d4± is a strong continuation for White.

7...♗d7 8. ♗×d7+ ♕×d7 9. e×f6 ♘×f6 10. ♘e5 (10. 0–0±) **10...♕c8** (10...♕b5!⇄) **11. a4 a5?!**

11...c×d4 12. 0–0 ♗d6 13. c×d4±.

12. ♕b3 (12.0–0±) **12...♖a6?!** (12...♘bd7±) **13. ♕b5+ ♘fd7?!**

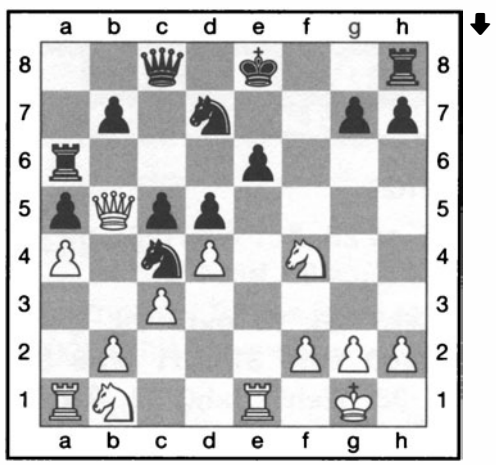
13...♘bd7 14. ♘×d7 ♘×d7⇄.

14. 0–0 ♗d6 15. ♘g6?!

15. ♘×d7!? ♘×d7 16. ♗×d6 ♖×d6 17. ♕×a5 0–0 18. ♘d2 ♖b6⇄.

15...♗×f4 16. ♘×f4 ♘c4 17. ♖e1?

17. ♘a3 ♘×a3 18. ♖×a3 0–0 19. g3=.



17...0–0∓ 18. ♘×e6 ♖b6 19. ♘×f8 ♖×b5 20. ♘×d7 ♖×b2–+ 21. ♘×c5 ♕f5 22. ♖f1 b6 23. ♘a6 ♕c2 24. ♘c7 ♘e3 25. ♘a3 ♕e4 26. f3 ♖×g2+ 27. ♔h1 ♕h4

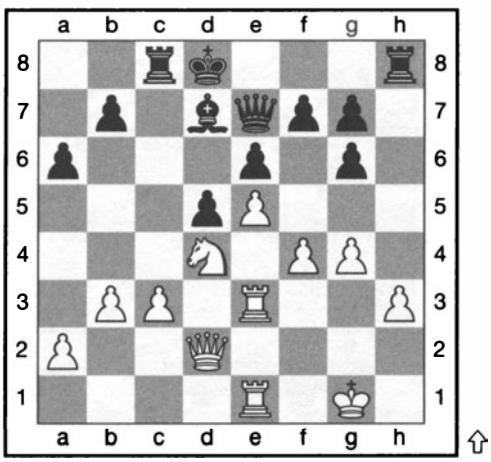
White resigned. Alekhine played badly in this game and lost as a result of his mistake on move 17. On the whole he handled this variation better with the black pieces.

Play on both wings

Game 8
Nimzowitsch – Alekhine
St. Petersburg (Preliminaries) 1914

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. d×c5 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗×c5 6. ♗d3 ♘ge7 7. 0–0 ♘g6

8. ♖e1 ♗d7 9. c3 ♗b6 10. ♘a3 a6 11. ♘c2 ♗c7 12. ♗×g6 h×g6 (12...f×g6!?) **13. ♗f4 ♕e7 14. ♘cd4 ♖c8 15. ♕d3 ♗b6 16. ♘×c6 ♖×c6 17. ♗e3 ♕d8 18. ♗×b6 ♕×b6 19. ♘d4± ♖c4 20. b3 ♖c8 21. ♖e3 ♖h5 22. ♖ae1 ♕a5 23. ♕d2 ♕a3 24. h3 ♕e7 25. g4 ♖h8 26. f4 ♔d8**



27. ♕h2

27. c4 d×c4 28. ♖c1 ♔e8 (28...g5 29. f5→) 29. ♖×c4 ♖×c4 30. b×c4 ♕c5⇄.

27...♔c7 28. f5 g×f5 29. g×f5 ♕h4 30. ♕g3 ♕h6 31. ♖f1 ♔b8 32. ♕f4 e×f5 33. ♕×h6 ♖×h6 34. ♘×f5 ♖g6+ 35. ♔h2 ♗×f5 36. ♖×f5 d4 37. c×d4 ♖c2+ = 38. ♔h1 ♖c1+

Draw.

Botvinnik only ever encountered this system as Black and his opponents (apart from Levenfish) failed to put up serious resistance.

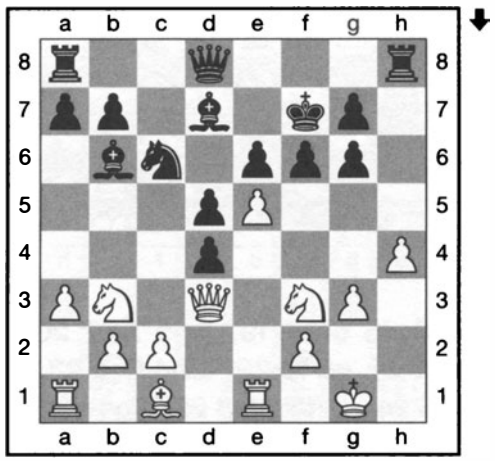
Counterplay by Black on the kingside

Game 9

Bondarevsky – Botvinnik
Absolute USSR Championship, Leningrad/Moscow 1941

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. ♘f3 ♘c6 5. ♗d3 c×d4 6. 0–0 ♗c5 7. a3 ♘ge7 8. ♘bd2 ♘g6 9. ♘b3 ♗b6 10. ♖e1 ♗d7 11. g3 f6 12. ♗×g6+ h×g6 13. ♕d3 ♔f7 14. h4

Without the participation of his b-pawn – to attack the c6-knight – White cannot establish control of the dark squares d4, e5 and g5.



14...♕g8 15. ♗d2 ♕h7 16. ♗b4 g5!∓ 17. ♕×h7 ♖×h7 18. e×f6 g×f6 19. h×g5 e5 20. g×f6 ♔×f6 21. ♗d6 ♖e8 22. ♘h4 ♖g8 23. ♔h2 ♗f5 24. ♖e2 d3 25. ♖d2 d×c2 26. f4 ♗e3 27. ♗×e5+ ♘×e5 28. f×e5 ♔e7 29. ♖f1 c1♕

White resigned.

Pawn sacrifice, Black's struggle against the central blockade

Game 10

Smyslov – Lisitsyn
Moscow Championship 1942

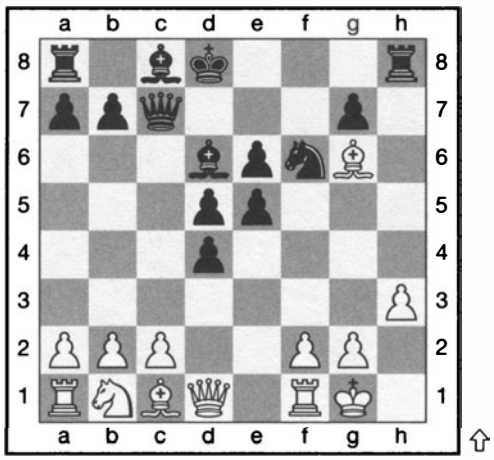
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. ♕g4

Smyslov sacrifices a pawn à la Nimzowitsch, but does not even equalise.

4...♘c6 5. ♘f3 c×d4 6. ♗d3 ♕c7 7. 0–0 f6 8. ♗×h7 ♘×e5 9. ♘×e5 f×e5 10. ♗g6+ ♔d8 11. h3 ♘f6 12. ♕d1 ♗d6

(see next diagram)

Having given up both his centre pawns and relinquished control of the centre, White has clearly lost the opening battle.



13. c3 d×c3 14. ♘×c3 ♗d7 15. a4 a6 16. ♗g5 ♗e8 17. ♗×e8 ♔×e8 18. ♖c1 ♕d7 19. f4 e×f4 20. ♗×f4 ♗×f4 21. ♖×f4 ♖c8 22. ♕d3 ♔d8 23. a5 ♖e8 24. ♖ff1 ♖c6 25. b4 ♖c4 26. ♘a2 ♖×c1 27. ♘×c1 ♕d6 28. ♕b3 ♘e4 29. ♕b2 ♖f8 30. ♖×f8+ ♕×f8 31. ♘d3 ♕f6 32. ♘e5 ♕f4 33. ♕d4 ♕c1+ 34. ♔h2 ♕f4+ 35. ♔g1 ♕c1+ 36. ♔h2 ♕c7 37. ♔g1 ♔c8 38. ♘f3 ♕c3 39. ♕×c3+ ♘×c3 40. ♔f2 ♘a2 41. ♘d4 ♔d7 42. b5 a×b5 43. ♘×b5 e5 44. h4 ♔c6 45. ♘a7+ ♔d7 46. g4 d4 47. ♘b5 ♘c3 48. ♘a3 ♔e6 49. h5 ♔d5 50. ♔e1 d3 51. g5 e4 52. h6 e3 53. ♘b1 ♘×b1 54. h×g7 d2+ 55. ♔e2 ♔d4 56. g8♕ ♘c3+ 57. ♔f3 d1♕+

White resigned.

Advantage in development for Black

Game 11

Tal – Sokolsky

Vilnius 1955

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♘c6 6. a3 a5 7. ♗d3 ♗d7 8. ♗c2?!

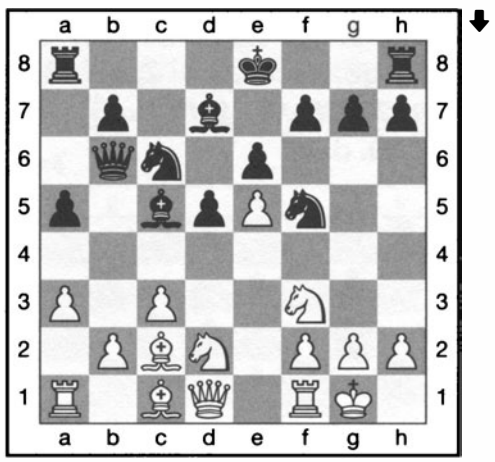
8. 0–0! c×d4 9. c×d4 ♘×d4 10. ♘×d4 ♕×d4 11. ♕e2 ⩲ (11. ♘c3 ⩲).

8...♘h6 9. 0–0

9. b3!? c×d4 10. c×d4 (10. ♗×h6 g×h6 11. c×d4 ♖g8 12. 0–0 ♖c8 13. ♕d2 ♖g4 14. ♖d1 ♘×d4 15. ♘×d4 ♖×d4 16. ♕×d4 ♕×d4 17. ♖×d4 ♖×c2 18. ♖d1 ♗g7 ∓) 10...♘f5 11. ♗×f5 e×f5 12. ♘c3 ♗e6 13. 0–0 ♗e7 ⇄.

9...♘f5 10. d×c5 ♗×c5 11. ♘bd2?

11. ♗×f5 e×f5 12. ♘bd2 0–0 13. ♘b3 ♘×e5 14. ♘×c5 ♘×f3+ 15. ♕×f3 ♕×c5 16. ♗e3 ♕b5 17. ♗d4 ⇄.



11...♗×f2+! ∓

A rare occurrence – Tal has failed to spot a tactical shot by his opponent!

12. ♖×f2 ♘e3 13. ♕e2 ♘×c2 14. ♘c4 d×c4 15. ♕×c2 0–0–0 16. ♕e4 ♕b5 17. ♗g5 ♖df8 18. a4 ♕d5 19. ♕e3 ♘b8 20. ♖d2 ♕c6 21. ♖d6 ♕c7 22. ♘d4 h6 23. ♘b5 ♗×b5 24. a×b5 ♘d7 25. b6 ♕c5 26. ♕×c5+ ♘×c5 27. ♖×a5 ♘a6 28. ♗h4 g5 29. ♗g3 ♖d8 30. ♖a4 ♖×d6 31. e×d6 ♔d7 32. ♖×c4 ♖c8 33. ♖×c8 ♔×c8 34. b4 ♔d7 35. ♔f2 ♘b8 36. b5 f6 37. c4 e5 38. c5 ♔e6 39. ♔f3 f5 40. ♗f2 ♔d5 41. g3 e4+ 42. ♔e2 f4 43. g×f4 g×f4 44. ♗g1 ♘d7 45. h3

Draw.

Petrosian played the French with Black and inevitably came up against 3. e5. He won three games, lost one (as a junior) and drew seven. In his later years he preferred the closed game resulting from ♕b6 and c4.

Pawn sacrifice by Black for the initiative

Game 12

Kholmov – Petrosian

17th USSR Championship, Moscow 1949

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. ♗e2 c×d4 7. c×d4 ♘ge7 8. b3 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗b4+ 10. ♔f1 h5 11. ♘c3 ♗×c3 12. ♗×c3 ♗d7 13. ♕d2 a5 14. g3 h4 15. g4 ♘fe7 16. h3 f6 17. ♔g2 ♖f8 18. ♗d3 f×e5 19. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 20. d×e5

20...d4 21. ♗×d4 ♗c6+ 22. ♔g1 ♕c7 23. ♖h2 0–0–0 24. ♗c4 ♘g6 25. ♕e3

Draw.

Space advantage

Game 13

Tal – Petrosian

USSR Championship (Semi-final), Tbilisi 1956

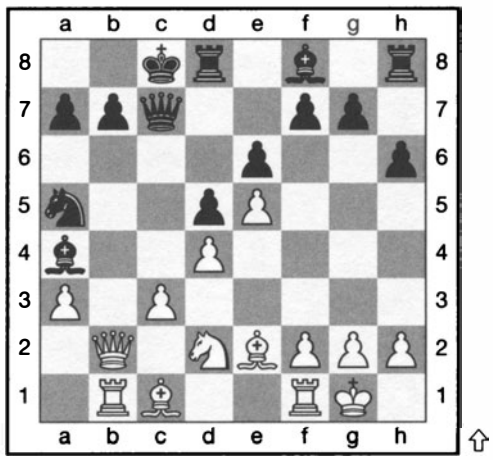
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♗e2 ♗d7 8. ♘bd2 ♘a5 9. 0–0 ♘e7 10. ♖b1 h6 11. ♕c2 ♕c7 (11...♖c8⇄) **12. b3!?**

12. g3⇄ 0–0–0 13. ♖e1; 12. ♖e1⇄.

12...c×b3 13. ♘×b3 ♗a4 14. ♘fd2 ♘ec6

14...♖ac8!? 15. ♕d3 ♘×b3 16. ♘×b3 ♘f5∓.

15. ♕b2 0–0–0?! (15...♖c8) **16. ♘×a5 ♘×a5**



17. c4! ♗e7 18. c×d5

18. c5 ♘c6 19. ♘f3 g5 20. ♗e3±.

18...e×d5

18...♖×d5 19. ♘e4 (19.♘c4 ♘c6 20. ♗e3 ♖hd8 21. ♖fc1±) 19...♗c2 20. ♘c3 ♗×b1 21. ♘×d5 e×d5 22. ♕×b1 ♔b8 23. ♗f4±.

19. ♗d1?!

19. ♗d3!? h5 20. ♘f3 (20. f4 ♖h6 21. f5 ♖c6±) 20...♘c4 21. ♕e2 ♗d7 22. ♗g5±.

19...♗d7!

19...♗×d1 20. ♖×d1 ♘c4 21. ♘×c4 d×c4 22. ♗d2±.

20. ♗c2 ♔b8 21. ♗d3 ♖c8⇄ 22. ♘b3 ♘c4 23. ♕a2 ♗a4

23...♖he8⇄.

24. ♗f5

24. ♗f4!?±.

24...♗d7 25. ♗d3 ♗a4 26. ♗f5 ♗d7

Draw. A game worthy of those two great players!

Play on both wings, counterplay by Black

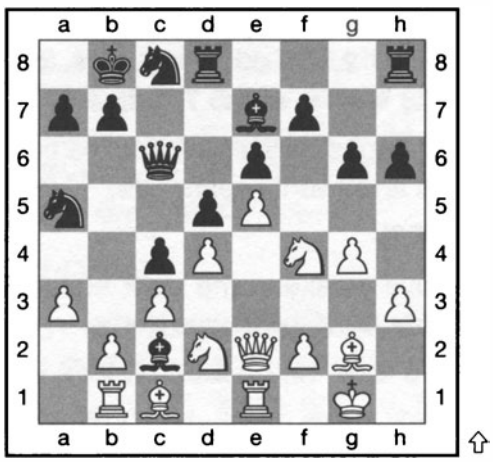
Game 14

I. Zaitsev – Petrosian

37th USSR Championship, Moscow 1969

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 ♗d7 8. ♗e2

♘a5 9. 0–0 ♘e7 10. ♘g5 h6 11. ♘h3 0–0–0 12. ♘f4 g6 13. ♖b1 ♔b8 14. g4 ♗b5 15. ♖e1 ♘c8 16. ♗f1 ♗e7 17. h3 ♕c6 18. ♗g2 ♗a4 19. ♕e2 ♗c2



20. ♘×c4 ♗×b1 21. ♘×a5 ♕c7 22. b4 g5 23. ♘h5 ♕×c3 24. ♗d2 ♕d3 25. ♕d1 ♗c2 26. ♕c1 ♗a4 27. ♗e3 ♘b6 28. ♗f1 ♕g6 29. f4 ♖c8 30. ♕d2 ♖c2 31. ♗d3 ♖×d2 32. ♗×g6 f×g6 33. ♗×d2 g×h5

White resigned.

When the play takes place on both wings, it is quite rare for Black to win; this game is one of the exceptions.

Spassky played this variation three times against Korchnoi, but lost two games and won only one. The two final encounters in their match in St. Petersburg (1999) deserve attention, but the most interesting game played by Boris Vasilievich was with Black in Moscow 1999 against Vlastimil Hort, where in a theoretically known position he unexpectedly sacrificed the exchange.

Play on both wings

Game 15

Spassky – Korchnoi
Candidates Final, Belgrade 1977

1. d4 e6 2. e4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2!?

6. d×c5.

6...♘ge7 7. ♘a3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♘b4

An opening tabia.

10. ♘e3

One of the possible continuations. White retains a slight advantage.

10. 0–0!? ♘×c2 11. ♕×c2 ♖c8 12. ♕d3±.

10...♘×e3 11. f×e3 ♗e7 12. a3 ♘c6 13. b4

Somewhat premature; it would be better to play 13. 0–0 0–0 14. ♗d2 f6 15. e×f6 ♗×f6 16. ♗c3 ♖c8 17. ♗d3±.

13...a6

A stronger line is 13...0–0 14. 0–0 f5=.

14. ♖b1 ♘a7 15. a4 ♘c6

15...f5 16. e×f6 ♗×f6 17. 0–0 0–0 18. b5 a×b5 19. a×b5 ♘c8 20. ♗d2±.

16. ♗d2 a5

16...0–0 17. 0–0 f5 18. e×f6 ♗×f6 19. b5 a×b5 20. a×b5 ♘e7 21. ♗b4 ♖f7⇄.

17. b5

17. b×a5 ♘×a5 18. 0–0 ♗c6 19. ♕c2± (19. ♗b4 ♘c4 20. ♗×e7 ♕×e7 21. ♗×c4 d×c4 22. ♖a1 0–0∓).

17...♘b4 18. 0–0 0–0 19. ♕e1

19. ♖c1 ♘a2 20. ♖a1 ♘b4 21. ♕b3 ♖c8 22. ♖ac1±.

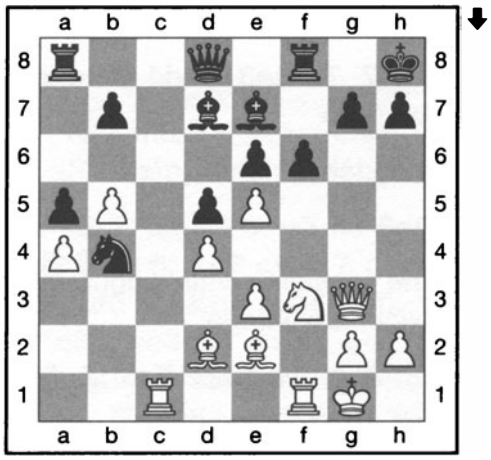
19...♔h8?!

19...♖c8 20. ♕g3 ♖c2 21. ♗d1 ♖c4 22. ♗b3 ♖c8 23. e4±.

20. ♕g3 f6 21. ♖bc1?!

Here it would better to play 21. e×f6 g×f6 (21...♗×f6 22. ♘e5±) 22. ♖bc1 ♖g8 23. ♕f4 ♗e8 24. e4↑.

(see next diagram)



21...f5!⇄ 22. h4 ♖c8 23. h5

23. ♖×c8 ♗×c8 24. ♖c1 ♗d7 25. ♘g5⇄.

23...♖×c1 24. ♖×c1 ♘a2 25. ♖a1 ♘b4 26. ♕h3

26. ♖c1 ♘a2 27. ♖a1 ♘b4 28. ♖c1=.

26...♗e8 27. ♔f2 (27. h6!?) **27...♕b6 28. g4**

28. ♗×b4 a×b4 29. a5 ♕c7∓.

28...g5 29. h×g6 ♗×g6 30. g5= f4?! 31. e×f4 ♘c2 32. ♖d1 ♗e4?!

32...♗a3 33. ♔f1 ♗e4 34. ♕h6±.

33. ♗e3

33. ♗c1!±.

33...♘×e3 34. ♔×e3 ♕c7

34...♖c8 35. ♗d3 ♖c3 36. ♔e2±;

34...♗f5 35. ♕h1 ♗e4 36. ♖g1 ♖c8 37. g6±.

35. g6! ♗×g6 36. ♕×e6 ♗a3 37. ♕×d5 ♗c1+ 38. ♔f2 ♗×f4 39. ♕c4

39. ♕c5 ♕×c5 40. d×c5 ♗×e5 41. ♖d7 h6 42. ♖×b7 ♗d4+ 43. ♔g2 ♗×c5 44. ♖c7 ♗e3 45. ♘e5±.

39...♕g7 40. ♖g1 ♕h6! 41. ♕c3

White resigned, in view of 41...♗d2 42. ♕a3 ♕h4+ 43. ♔g2 ♕f4∓.

Attack on the king

Game 16

Spassky – Korchnoi

St. Petersburg 1999

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 a5 7. ♗d3 ♗d7 8. ♗c2

Spassky repeats Paulsen's moves from one hundred and twenty years ago!

8...h5?!

This move weakens the dark squares and loses time. 8...♘h6⇄ was better.

9. 0–0 ♘h6 10. b3 ♗e7 11. ♖a2

11. d×c5?! ♗×c5 12. ♗×h6 ♖×h6 13. ♘bd2 ♗e7 14. ♕e2 g5!?↑;

11. ♗f4 c×d4 12. c×d4 ♘f5 13. ♗×f5 e×f5 14. ♘c3 ♗e6 15. h4±.

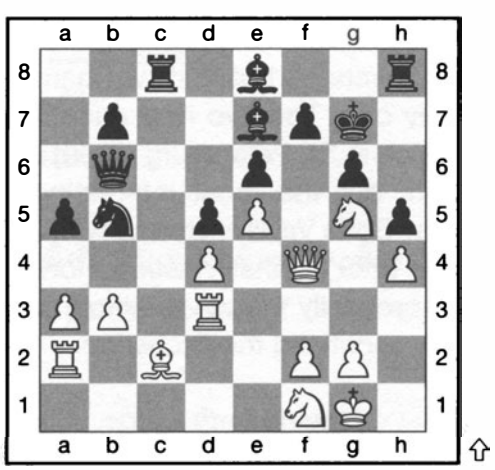
11...c×d4 12. c×d4 ♖c8 13. ♗×h6?!

13. ♖e1.

13...♖×h6 14. ♕d2 ♖h8

14...h4∓.

15. h4 ♔f8 16. ♕f4 ♔g8 17. ♘bd2 g6 18. ♖d1 ♔g7 19. ♘f1 ♘a7 20. ♘g5 ♗e8 21. ♖d3 ♘b5∓



22. ♗d1 ♖c3

Untypical of Korchnoi – he declines an offered pawn. But 22...♘×a3!? came into consideration, e. g. 23. ♖f3 ♗×g5 24. h×g5 ♘b5 25. ♖d2 ♖c1∓.

23. ♖ad2 ♕c7?!

23...♖×d3 24. ♖×d3 ♘×a3∓.

24. a4! ♖×d3 25. ♖×d3 ♘c3 26. ♘g3 ♘×d1 27. ♖×d1 ♕b6

27...♕c3 28. ♖c1 ♗×g5 29. h×g5 ♕×b3 30. ♕f6+ ♔g8 31. ♘f5!+– g×f5 (31...e×f5 32. e6 ♕c4 33. ♖×c4 d×c4 34. d5+–) 32. g6 ♕×a4 33. g×f7+ ♗×f7 34. ♖c8+ ♗e8 35. ♕×e6+ ♔g7 36. ♖c7++–.

28. ♖d3 ♕c7

28...♖f8? 29. ♘×h5+! g×h5 30. ♖g3 ♔h8 31. ♘e4 ♔h7 32. ♘f6+ ♗×f6 33. e×f6 ♖g8 34. ♖×g8 ♔×g8 35. ♕g5+ ♔f8 36. ♕g7#.

29. ♖f3 ♗d8 30. ♘e2 ♕e7 31. ♕c1

31. ♘g3 b6 32. ♔h2↑.

31...♕b4 32. ♘f4 ♗×g5□ 33. h×g5 ♗c6□ 34. ♕e3 ♖c8 35. ♔h2 ♗e8 36. ♘d3 ♕×b3 37. ♕f4 ♕×a4 38. ♕f6+ +– ♔g8

38...♔h7 39. ♘f4! ♕b4 40. ♘×h5 ♕f8 41. ♘f4 ♕g7 42. ♕e7 ♗c6 43. ♘h5+–.

39. ♘f4 ♔h7 40. ♘×e6

Black resigned.

Pawn sacrifice to gain a blockading knight

Game 17

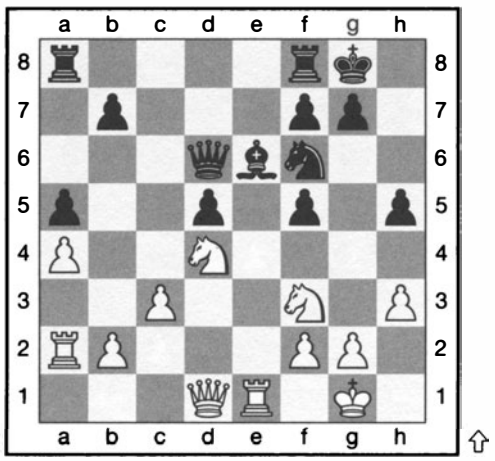
Spassky – Korchnoi
St. Petersburg 1999

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 a5 7. ♗d3 ♗d7 8. ♗c2 h5?! 9. 0–0 ♘h6 10. ♖a2 ♗e7 11. ♗e3 ♘f5 12. ♗×f5 e×f5 13. d×c5 ♗×c5 14. ♗×c5 ♕×c5 15. a4

15. b3!? ♗e6 16. ♖d2±.

15...♗e6 16. ♘d4 (16. ♖a3±) **16...♘×e5 17. ♘d2?!** (17. ♖e1 ⩱) **17...♘g4 18. ♖e1 ♕d6 19. ♘2f3 0–0 20. h3 ♘f6**

(see next diagram)



21. ♘×e6?!

With 21. ♘b5 ♕c5 22. ♘fd4⇄ White would gain enough compensation for the pawn.

21...f×e6 22. ♕d4 ♖ac8 23. ♘e5 ♘d7 24. ♘×d7 ♕×d7∓ 25. b3 ♕c6 26. ♖c2 ♖f6 27. ♖e5 ♕c5 28. ♕d3 ♕b6 29. c4 ♕a6 30. ♕d2

30. ♕e2!?⇄.

30...♕d6 31. f4?!

Better was 31. ♕e2 d×c4∓.

31...♕b6+ 32. ♖e3 d×c4 33. b×c4 ♖d8 34. ♕f2 ♖d1+ 35. ♔h2 ♕b1∓ 36. ♖b2?!

36. g3 h4!–+.

36...♖h1+– + 37. ♔g3 ♖g6+ 38. ♔h4 ♕d1 39. ♕e2 ♕d8+ 40. ♔×h5 ♖h6#

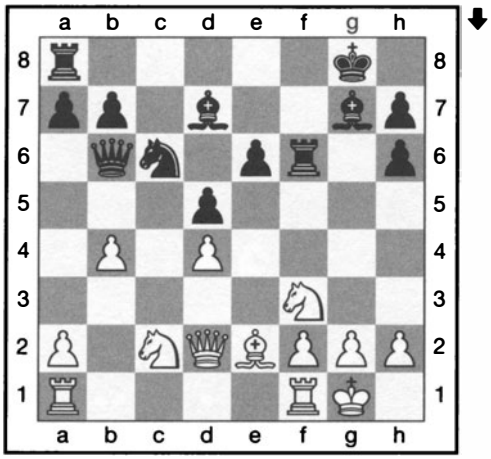
For and against the blockade

Game 18

Hort – Spassky
Petrosian Memorial, Moscow 1999

1. e4 c5 2. c3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. e5 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. ♗e2 ♘h6 7. ♗×h6 g×h6 8. ♕d2 ♗g7 9. 0–0 ♗d7 10. ♘a3 0–0 11. ♘c2 c×d4 12. c×d4 f6 13. e×f6 ♖×f6 14. b4

(see next diagram)



14...♖×f3!? 15. ♗×f3 ♘×d4 16. ♘×d4 ♕×d4 17. ♕×d4 ♗×d4 18. ♖ac1 ♗b6 19. g3 ♔g7 20. ♖fe1 ♔f6 21. ♖c3 ♖g8 22. ♔g2 ♗c6 23. ♖c2 a6 24. ♖ce2 ♗d7 25. ♖c2 ♗c6 26. ♖ce2 ♗d7±

Draw.

Kasparov played the Advance Variation with White twice in simuls against weak opponents and won both games.

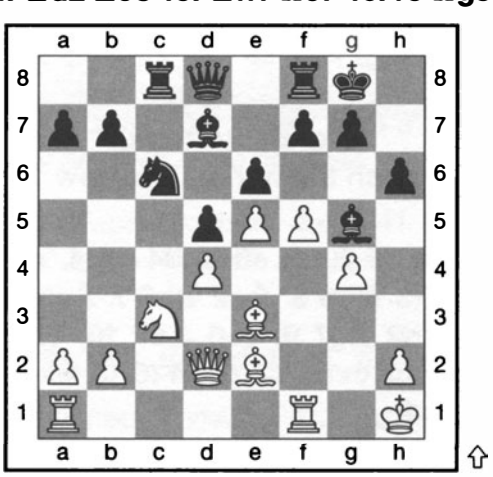
Attack on the king

Game 19

Kasparov – Klimczok

Katowice (simul) 1993

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 c×d4 7. c×d4 ♘ge7 8. ♘c3 ♘f5 9. 0–0 ♗e7 10. g4 ♘h4 11. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 12. ♗e3 0–0? 13. f4 h6 14. ♕d2 ♖c8 15. ♔h1 ♗e7 16. f5 ♗g5



17. f6 g×f6 18. ♗×g5 f×g5 19. ♖f6+–

Blockade of a wing!

19...♔g7 20. ♖af1 ♘e7 21. h4

Black resigned.

Play on the dark squares

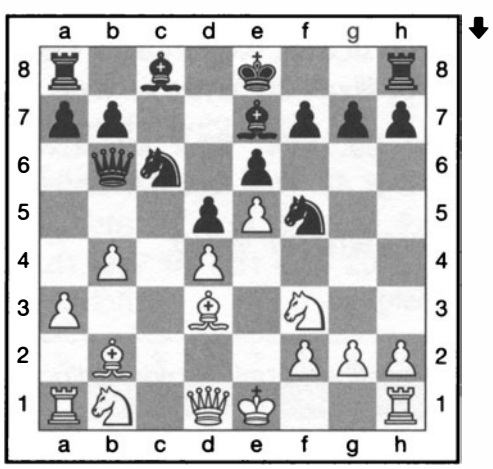
Game 20

Khalifman – Dolmatov

19th EU-Cup, Rethymnon 2003

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗e7 10. ♗d3!?

One of White's best plans: to abstain from h2-h4 and instead prepare an exchange on f5, followed by play on the dark squares.



10...♗d7 11. 0–0 ♖c8 12. ♘bd2 g5

A tactically interesting moment – it is not good for Black to take the d4 pawn, since he would then lose the g7 pawn: 12...♘f×d4?! 13. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 14. ♕g4 ♘f5 15. ♗×f5 e×f5 16. ♕×g7 ♖f8

A) 17. ♖ac1 ♕g6 18. e6 f×e6 19. ♖×c8+ ♗×c8 20. ♖c1 ♗d7 21. ♕e5

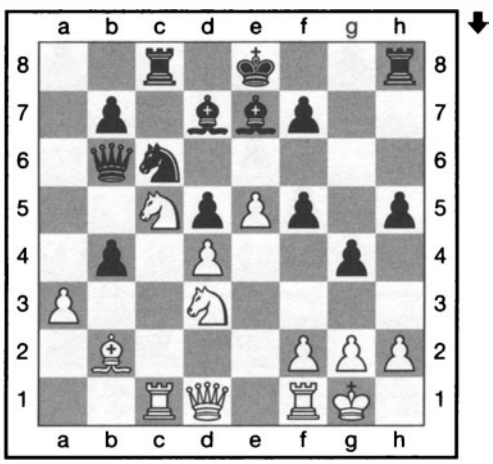
A1) 21...f4 22. ♘f3 (22. ♕b8+ ♗d8⇄) 22...♖g8 23. ♕b8+ ♗d8 24. g3 f×g3 25. h×g3 ♕d3 26. ♗f6 ♖×g3+ 27. ♕×g3 ♗×f6 28. ♖c7±;

A2) 21...♗f6 22. ♕b8+ ♔e7 23. ♗×f6+ ♕×f6 24. ♕×b7 ♕b2⇄;
B) 17. e6! f×e6 18. ♖ac1! ♖×c1 19. ♖×c1 a5 20. ♗d4 ♕a6 21. ♘f3 a×b4 22. ♘e5!±.

13. ♘b3± h5

13...g4 14. ♘fd2 h5 (14...g3 15. h×g3 ♘f×d4 16. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 17. ♕g4 ♘f5 18. ♗×f5 e×f5 19. ♕g7 ♖f8 20. e6!±) 15. ♗×f5 e×f5 16. ♘c5±.

14. ♖c1 g4 15. ♘e1 a5 16. ♗×f5 e×f5 17. ♘d3 a×b4 18. ♘bc5



18...♗e6

18...b×a3 19. ♗×a3 ♘×d4 20. ♘f4!±.

19. a×b4 ♕b5 20. ♘f4 ♖h6 21. ♗c3!± ♗g5 22. ♗d2 ♗×f4 23. ♗×f4 ♖g6 24. ♗e3 ♖g8 25. ♖e1 ♘e7 26. ♕d2 h4 27. ♗g5 h3 28. ♗×e7 ♔×e7 29. ♕h6 ♖c6 30. ♕f6+ ♔e8 31. ♖a1

Black resigned.

As we can see, the World Champions had mixed results with this system; you only have recall Steinitz and Alekhine. More deserving of attention are the games in which Euwe used the plan of giving up the white pawn centre; he played very logically and methodically to gain an advantage. The games between Spassky and Korchnoi and the Hort – Spassky game are interesting. The games in which the World Champions played Black deserve greater attention, especially those by Botvinnik and Petrosian.

1.2 Master games

David Ionovich Bronstein did not often play this system but, in contrast to the games of the World Champions, his games were brimming with new ideas. Bronstein's play was very creative, packed full of originality, whereas World Champions are concerned mainly with their competitive results. We can say that they are the champions, but Bronstein was a creator.

Generally the creators of new opening systems, the "chess researchers" are considered inferior to the champions, since the chess public is more interested in outstanding results than in theory. Theoreticians are never regarded as being on the same level as champions, even though it is precisely the former who educate the chess world. Theory is extremely important in any field of knowledge, but chess players have never set themselves the goal of discovering the best moves in the initial position of the game.

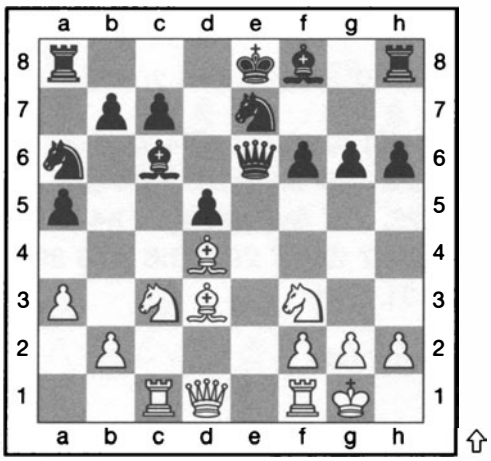
Advantage in development, attack on the king

Game 21

Bronstein – Kärner
Tallinn 1981

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 ♗d7!? 4. ♘f3!? a6 5. ♗g5 ♕c8? 6. c4 h6 7. ♗e3 d×c4 8. ♗×c4 ♘e7 9. ♘c3 ♗c6 10. 0–0 ♕d7 11. ♖c1 a5 12. d5 e×d5 13. ♗d3 ♘a6 14. a3 g6 15. e6 ♕×e6 16. ♗d4 f6

(see next diagram)



17. ♗×g6+! ♔d8 18. ♖e1 ♕d6 19. ♗f7 ♗g7 20. ♖e6 ♕d7 21. ♗×f6 ♗×f6 22. ♖×f6,

and Black resigned.

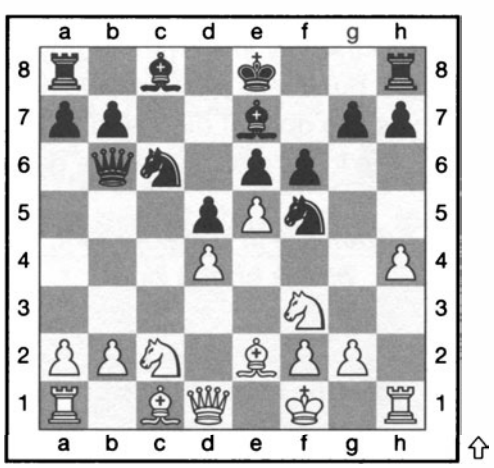
Space advantage, blockade

Game 22

Bronstein – Borges Mateos

Rubinstein Memorial,
Polanica Zdrój 1988

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. ♗e2 c×d4 7. c×d4 ♘ge7 8. ♘a3 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♗b4+ 10. ♔f1 ♗e7 11. h4 f6?!



12. g4! ♘f×d4 13. ♘c×d4 f×e5 14. ♘×c6 b×c6 15. ♘×e5 0–0 16. f4 ♗d6?

16...♗f6±.

17. ♘c4!+– ♕c7 18. ♘×d6 ♕×d6 19. ♔g2

Black resigned.

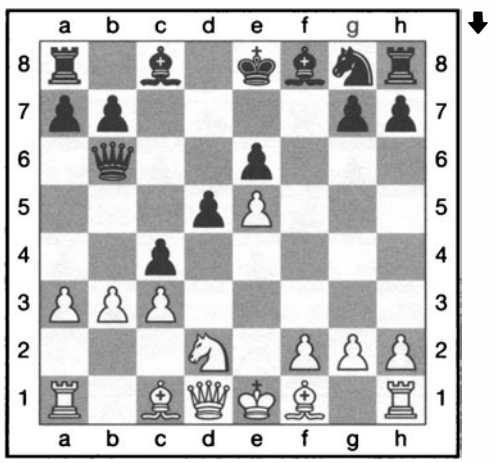
For and against the blockade

Game 23

Bronstein – Roos

Hastings 1993/94

1.e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 f6 8. b3 f×e5 9. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 10. d×e5



10...♗c5?!

10...♘h6!? 11. b×c4 ♗c5 12. ♕h5+ ♘f7 13. ♖b1 (13. ♕e2 0–0 14. ♖b1 ♕a5∞) 13...♗×f2+ 14. ♔d1 ♕e3 15. c×d5 0–0 (15...e×d5 16. ♘f3 ♕×c3 17. ♗d2 ♕c6 18. ♗b5 g6 19. ♖f1 g×h5 20. ♖×f2±) 16. ♕e2±.

11. ♕h5+ g6 12. ♕h4 ♕c7 13. ♘f3 ♘e7 14. b4 ♘f5 15. ♕h3 ♗e7 16. ♗e2 0–0 17. g4 ♘g7 18. ♕g3

18. 0–0±.

18...a5 19. b5 a4 20. h4 ♗d7 21. ♘d4 ♗c5 22. h5 ♗×d4 23. c×d4 g×h5 24. ♖b1 ♔h8 25. ♗g5 ♗e8 26. ♗f6 ♗g6 27. b6 ♕d7 28. ♖c1 h×g4 29. ♗×g4 ♔g8 30. ♕h3 ♖ae8 31. ♔d2 ♕b5 32. ♕c3 ♕×b6 33. ♖h3 ♕b3 34. ♕a1 ♕b6 35. ♕c3 ♖a8 36. ♖g1 ♖a5 37. ♗d1 ♖b5 38. ♖×h7 ♔×h7 39. ♖×g6 ♔×g6 40. ♕g3+ ♔f5 41. ♕g4#

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Advantage in development

Game 24

I. Zaitsev – Doda

Riga 1968

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 e6 3. c3 d5 4. e5 ♗d7 5. d4 ♕b6 6. ♗e2 ♗b5 7. c4!? ♗×c4 8. ♗×c4 d×c4 9. d5 e×d5 10. ♕×d5 ♘e7 11. ♕e4

11. ♕×c4.

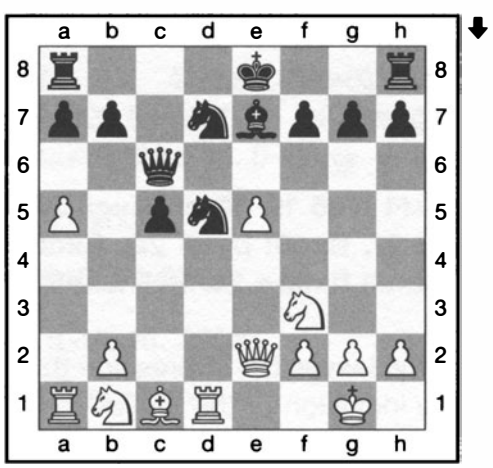
11...♘d7

11...♕c6! 12. ♕×c4 ♘d7 13. ♘c3±.

12. 0–0 ♕c6 13. ♕×c4 ♘b6 14. ♕e2 ♘ed5?!

14...♘g6 15. ♘c3±.

15. a4 ♗e7 16. a5 ♘d7 17. ♖d1±



17...♘f8 18. a6 b6

18...♘e6.

19. ♗g5

19. ♘c3 ♘×c3 20. b×c3±.

19...♘g6?

19...♗×g5 20. ♘×g5 ♘f4 21. ♕f3 ♕×f3 22. ♘×f3±.

20. ♘c3 ♘×c3 21. b×c3± 0–0 22. ♗×e7 ♘×e7 23. ♖d6 ♕c8 24. ♖ad1 ♘f5 25. ♖6d2 ♕c6 26. ♕d3 g6 27. ♘g5 ♖fe8 28. f4 ♔g7 29. ♕d7 ♕×d7 30. ♖×d7+– ♖e7 31. ♖×e7 ♘×e7 32. ♖d7 h6 33. ♘e6+ f×e6 34. ♖×e7+ ♔f8 35. ♖×e6 ♔f7 36. ♖f6+ ♔g7 37. ♖d6 ♔f7 38. g4 b5 39. f5 g×f5 40. g×f5 b4 41. c×b4 c×b4 42. ♖d7+ ♔e8 43. e6

Black resigned.

Pawn sacrifice for the initiative, play on both wings

Game 25

I. Zaitsev – Savon

Dubna 1976

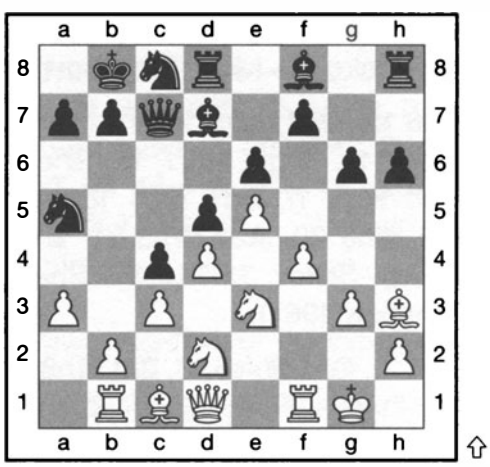
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 ♘a5 8. g3 ♗d7 9. ♗h3 ♘e7 10. 0–0 h6 11. ♘h4 0–0–0

11...g5!? 12. ♘g2 h5

A) 13. ♘e3 g4 14. ♗g2 0–0–0 15. f4⇄ (15. f3 ♗h6);

B) 13. g4 h×g4 14. ♗×g4 0–0–0 15. ♕f3 ♗e8 16. ♘e3⇄.

12. ♘g2 ♔b8 13. ♖b1 ♕c7 14. ♘e3 ♘c8 15. f4 g6



16. f5!?

16. ♘g4 ♗e7 17. ♗g2 ♘b6 18. ♕e2 ♗a4 19. ♘f3 ♘d7⇄.

16...g×f5 17. g4 f×g4 18. ♘×g4 ♗e8 19. ♘f6± ♗c6 20. ♖f2 ♘e7 21. ♘f1 ♘b3 22. ♗e3 ♘g8 23. ♘h5 ♗e8 24. ♘fg3 ♘e7 25. ♘f6 ♗a4 26. ♕h5 ♘c8 27. ♖bf1 ♘a5 28. ♕e2 ♗e7 29. ♘fh5 ♗e8 30. ♘g7±

♗g5 31. ♘3h5 ♕b6 32. ♗×g5 h×g5 33. ♖g2 ♘c6 34. ♖×g5 ♘8e7 35. ♗g4 ♘f5 36. ♗×f5 e×f5 37. ♘f6 ♘×d4 38. c×d4 ♕×d4+ 39. ♕f2 ♕×f2+ 40. ♖×f2 ♗c6 41. ♘×f5

Black resigned.

Pawn sacrifice for the initiative

Game 26

I. Zaitsev – Lempert

Moscow 1994

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 a5!? 7. ♗d3 ♗d7 8. 0–0 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♘×d4 10. ♘×d4 ♕×d4 11. ♘c3

11. ♕e2 ♕b6 12. ♘c3 ♗c5! 13. ♗d2 a4! 14. ♘b5 ♘e7 15. ♖ac1 ♗×b5 16. ♗×b5+ ♘c6 17. ♗×c6+ b×c6 18. ♕g4 ♗f8! 19. ♖c2 c5∓ (Halasz – Soreghy, corr. 1970).

11...♘e7

11...♖c8 12. ♕e2 ♘e7 13. ♔h1 ♕h4!? 14. f4 ♘f5! 15. ♗×f5 e×f5 16. ♘×d5 ♗c5 17. ♗e3 0–0± (Velimirović – Ivkov, Titograd 1965);

11...♕b6 12. ♕g4 f5 13. e×f6?! (13. ♕g3⩱) 13...♘×f6 14. ♕g3 ♗e7! 15. ♕×g7 ♖g8 16. ♕h6 ♕d4 17. ♖d1 ♕g4 18. ♗f1 ♖g6 19. ♕f4 ♕h5 20. ♗e2 ♕h3 21. ♕f3 e5!∓ (Steinberg – Shilov, 35th USSR Championship, Kharkov 1967);

11...♘h6 12. ♘b5 ♕×e5 13. ♖e1 ♕b8 14. ♕f3 ♗d6 15. ♘×d6+ ♕×d6 16. ♗f4 ♕e7 17. ♕g3 f6. Draw (I. Zaitsev – Geller, Moscow 1982).

12. ♘b5

12. ♔h1 !? with the idea f2–f4; 12. ♖e1 !? ♘g6 13. ♘b5 ♕b6 14. ♗e3 ♕d8 15. ♗d4 ♗e7 16. ♘d6+ ♗×d6 17. e×d6 0–0 18. ♖c1 ♖c8 19. ♖×c8 ♕×c8 20. ♕d2⩱.

12...♕×e5 13. ♖e1 ♕b8 14. ♕f3 ♗×b5! 15. ♗×b5+ ♘c6 16. ♕×d5

(see next diagram)

16...♕d6!

16...♗d6?! 17. ♗×c6+ b×c6 18. ♕×c6+ ♔e7 19. ♗g5+ f6 20. ♗h4 ♖e8 21. ♖ad1 ♕c7 22. ♕d5 ♗×h2+ 23. ♔h1 ♔f8 24. ♕h5 ♗e5 25. ♕×h7 ♔f7 26. ♕h5+ ♔g8 27. ♖d3± (Reefat – Rahman, Calcutta 1994).

17. ♕c4!

17. ♕×d6? ♗×d6∓.

17...♗e7

17...♕c5 18. ♕a4.

18. ♗f4 ♕c5 19. ♕×c5 ♗×c5 20. ♖ac1 ♗d4! 21. ♖×c6! b×c6 22. ♗×c6+ ♔e7 23. ♗×a8 ♖×a8 = 24. ♗e5 ♗×e5

Draw.

This game leaves the impression that, even with the inclusion of the moves a2–a3 and a7–a5, Black can take the d4 pawn. (See also Shirov – Anand, Teheran 2000, Volume 1, game 22 on page 44).

Pawn sacrifice for the initiative

Game 27

Sveshnikov – Vysochin

Yugoslav League 1998

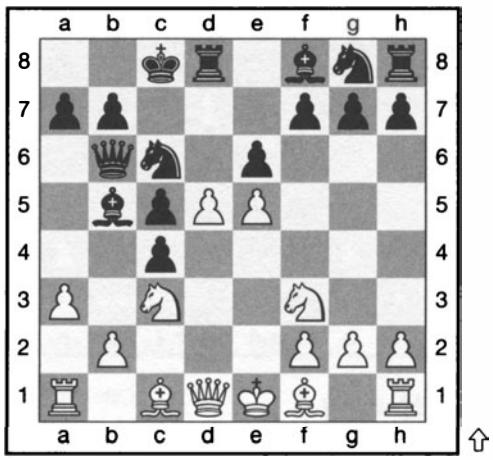
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3 ♗b5 7. c4?! d×c4!? 8. ♘c3

8. d5!? e×d5 9. ♕×d5 ♘e7 10. ♕e4∞.

8...♘c6 9. d5 0–0–0!

This game show that Black has a good position in this line. Hence it is possibly better

for White to play 7. b4±. Despite winning this game, after this I started playing 7. b4.



10. d6

10. ♕c2 e×d5 11. ♕f5+ ♔b8 12. ♕×f7 ♘ge7∓.

10...f6 11. ♘×b5 ♕×b5 12. ♕c2 ♘×e5 13. ♘×e5 f×e5 14. ♗×c4 ♕c6□ 15. ♗×e6+ ♔b8 16. 0–0

16. ♗×g8? ♕×g2∓.

16...♘f6! 17. ♗e3

17. ♗g5 ♖×d6 18. ♗f5⩲.

17...♗×d6 18. b4

18. ♖ac1∞.

18...e4 19. ♗h3 ♗e5 20. ♖ac1

20. ♖ab1 ♗d4 21. b×c5 ♗×e3 22. f×e3 ♖d5! (22...♖d3 23. ♖b4 ♖hd8 24. ♖fb1 ♖d2 25. ♕b3±) 23. ♖fc1 ♖hd8±.

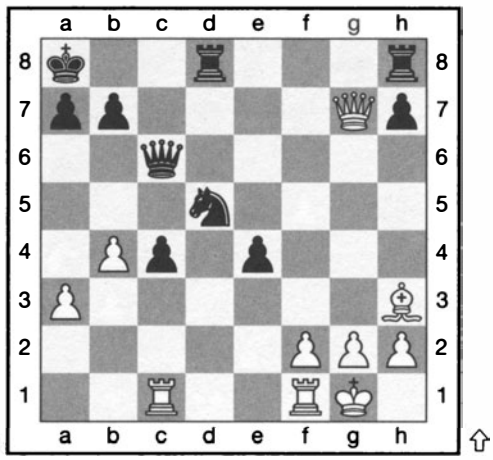
20...♗d4!?

20...c×b4! 21. ♕×c6 b×c6 22. a×b4 ♘d5 23. ♖×c6 ♘×e3 24. f×e3=.

21. ♕e2 ♗×e3 22. ♕×e3 c4 23. ♕g3+ ♔a8 24. ♕×g7 ♘d5?!

(see next diagram)

24...♖hg8 25. ♕f7±.



25. ♕g4! e3?!

25...♖hf8 26. ♕×e4 ♘f4 27. ♕×c6 ♘×h3+ 28. g×h3 b×c6 29. ♖×c4±;

25...♖he8 26. ♖fe1 e3 27. ♕×c4 e×f2+ 28. ♔×f2 ♕f6+ 29. ♔g1 ♖×e1+ 30. ♖×e1 ♘f4⩲ 31. ♗d7!± (31. ♗g4? ♘d3∓).

26. ♕×c4 ♕×c4 27. ♖×c4 e2 28. ♖e1± ♖he8

28...♘f4 29. ♗g4!± h5 30. ♖×f4 h×g4 31. ♖e4 ♖d3 32. ♖e3+–.

29. f3 b5 30. ♖d4 ♘c3 31. ♗d7!

31. ♖×d8+ ♖×d8 32. ♗f5 h5 33. g4±.

31...♔b8 32. ♖d3 a6 33. ♖×c3 ♖×d7 34. ♔f2 ♖d2 35. g4+– ♔b7 36. g5 ♔b6 37. h4 a5 38. b×a5+ ♔×a5 39. ♖c7 ♔a4 40. ♖×h7 ♔×a3 41. g6 b4 42. ♖a7+ ♔b2 43. g7 b3 44. h5 ♔c3 45. ♖c7+ ♔b4 46. h6 b2 47. ♖b7+

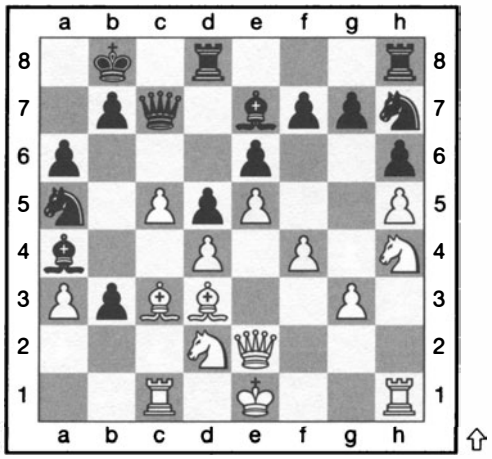
Black resigned.

Pawn sacrifice for the initiative

Game 28
Circenis – Katishonok
Latvia 2001

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♘c6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 ♘a5 8. b4!? (Keres) **8...c×b3 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. c4 ♗a4 11. ♖c1 ♘e7 12. c5 ♕d8 13. ♗d3 ♘g6 14. g3 ♗e7 15. ♕e2 a6 16. h4 h6 17. h5 ♘f8 18. ♘h4 ♕d7 19. f4 ♘h7 20. ♕g4 0–0–0 21. ♗c3 ♕c7 22. ♕e2 ♔b8**

(see next diagram)



23. ♗×a6 ♗×h4 24. ♖×h4 f6 25. ♗b5 ♗×b5□ 26. ♕×b5 ♘c6 27. ♘×b3± f×e5 28. d×e5 d4 29. ♗a5 ♘×a5 30. ♘×a5 ♖d5 31. ♖h2 d3 32. ♖b2 d2+ 33. ♖×d2 ♖×d2 34. ♔×d2 ♖d8+ 35. ♔e3 ♖d5 36. ♘b3+– ♘g5 37. ♕e8+ ♖d8 38. ♕g6 ♕c6 39. f×g5 ♕d5 40. ♕c2

Black resigned. That is how chess is played in Latvia!

Pawn sacrifice for the initiative, blockading knight

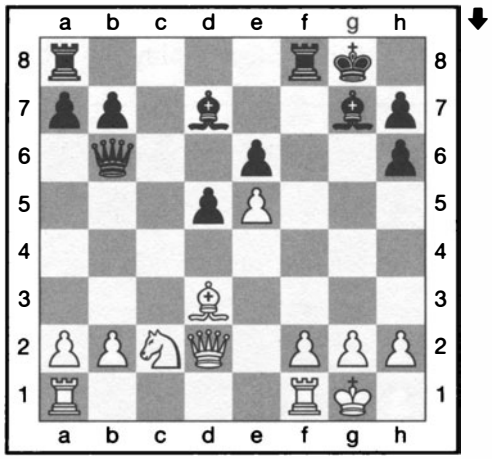
Game 29
Sveshnikov – Filipenko
Cheliabinsk 1975

By means of a pawn sacrifice I succeeded in taking the initiative and starting an attack on the kingside. An important role was played by the blockading knight on d4. Black never had time to dislodge the knight from its blockading square.

1. e4 c5 2. c3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. e5 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. ♗e2 ♘h6 7. ♗×h6 g×h6

7...♕×b2 8. ♗c1 ♕×a1 9. ♕c2 c×d4 10. ♘fd2 d×c3 11. ♘b3 ♘b4 12. ♘×a1 ♘×c2+ 13. ♘×c2 ♗d7 14. ♘×c3 ♖c8 15. ♔d2∞.

8. ♕d2 ♗d7 (8...♗g7 9. ♘a3) **9. 0–0 ♗g7 10. ♘a3 0–0 11. ♘c2 c×d4 12. c×d4 f6 13. ♗d3 f×e5 14. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 15. d×e5**



15...♕×b2?!

15...♗×e5! 16. ♕×h6 ♖f7 17. ♖ae1 ♕×b2 18. ♕g5+ ♗g7 19. ♕h5 h6±; 15...♖f7±.

16. f4 ♖ac8 17. ♖ab1 ♕c3 18. ♕e3 b6

18...b5 19. ♖f3.

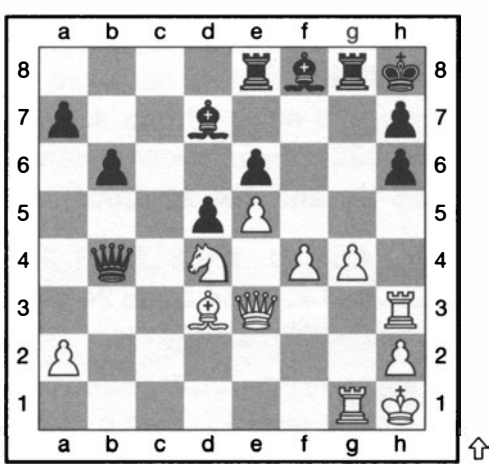
19. ♘d4 ♕c5

19...♖c4? 20. ♘e2±.

20. ♗a6 ♕c3 21. ♗d3 ♕c5 22. g4!?→ (22. ♗b5±) **22...♕e7 23. ♖f3 ♔h8?!**

23...h5!? 24. g5 h6 25. ♖g3⇄.

24. ♔h1 ♖g8? (24...♖c3) **25. ♖e1 ♖ce8 26. ♖h3 ♗f8 27. ♖g1 ♕b4**



Black has an extra pawn but when you look at the position, it seems that White is the one with more pawns! This is not entirely an optical illusion - White controls a lot more squares.

28. g5!?

28. f5 e×f5 29. g×f5 ♖×g1+ 30. ♔×g1 ♗c5 31. ♖h4 ♗×d4 32. ♖×d4 ♕b2 33. e6 ♖g8+ 34. ♔f1 ♕×h2 35. e×d7 ♕h1+ 36. ♔e2 ♖g2+ 37. ♕f2 ♖×f2+ 38. ♔×f2 ♕h2+ 39. ♔f3 ♕h1+ (39...♕d6 40. ♗b5 ♔g7 41. ♗c6±) 40. ♔e3 ♕g1+ 41. ♔f3 ♕h1+=.

28...♗c5 29. ♖×h6 ♖g7 30. ♕h3+– ♖ee7

30...♕×d4 31. ♖×h7+ ♔g8 32. ♖×g7+ ♔×g7 33. ♕h7+ ♔f8 34. ♕h8+ ♔f7 35. g6+ ♔e7 36. ♕f6#.

31. ♗×h7! ♖×h7 32. g6

Black resigned.

Pawn sacrifice to establish a blockade

Game 30

Dür – Damjanović

Graz 1979

This variation is one of White's most serious tries for advantage.

1. e4 c5 2. c3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. e5 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♗d7 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♖c8 9. ♗b2 ♘h6 10. ♘c3 ♘a5 11. ♘a4 ♕c6 12. ♖c1 ♘c4 13. ♗×c4 d×c4 14. ♘c3

The critical position. It is not easy for Black to equalise.

14...♗e7 15. 0–0 0–0 16. d5 e×d5 17. ♘d4 ♕g6 18. ♘×d5 ♗g5 19. f4± ♗d8 20. ♕e2

20. ♘e3!? ♘f5 21. ♘d×f5 ♗×f5 22. ♗d4 ♗d3⇄.

20...♗f5 21. ♘×f5 ♘×f5 22. ♔h1 b5 23. ♖cd1 h5 24. ♗c3 ♖e8 25. ♕f3

Draw.

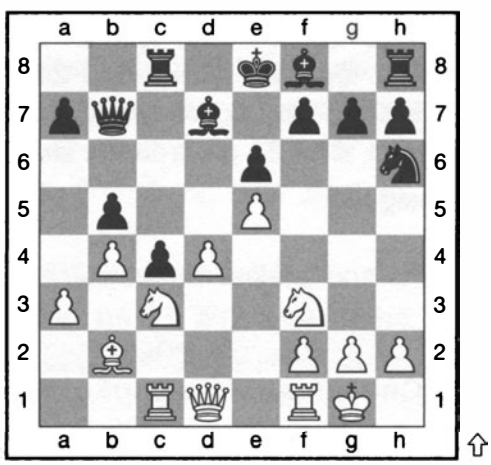
Pawn sacrifice to establish a blockade

Game 31

Olesen – Whiteley

Newcastle upon Tyne 1995

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c×d4 7. c×d4 ♗d7 8. b4 ♖c8 9. ♗b2 ♘h6 10. ♘c3 ♘a5 11. ♘a4 ♕c6 12. ♖c1 ♘c4 13. ♗×c4 d×c4 14. ♘c3 b5 15. 0–0 ♕b7



16. d5 e×d5 17. ♘d4⩲ ♗e7 18. ♕f3 ♗c6 19. ♘×c6 ♕×c6 20. ♘×d5 ♗g5 21. ♖cd1 0–0 22. ♕g3 ♕g6 23. ♘c3

23. f4 ♗d8 24. ♕h3 ♘f5 25. ♔h1± (25. ♗d4±).

23...♘f5 24. ♕h3

Draw.

For and against the blockade

Game 32

I. Zaitsev – Laine

Heart of Finland Open, Jyväskylä 1994

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♗d7 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♖c8 9. ♗e3 ♘h6 10. ♗d3 ♘g4 11. 0–0

♘×e3 12. f×e3 g6 13. ♕e1 ♗g7 14. ♘c3 ♘b8 15. ♔h1 (15. ♖c1±) **15...0–0 16. e4!±**

16...f6 17. e×d5 f×e5 18. d×e5+– e×d5 19. ♘×d5 ♕e6 20. ♕e4 ♔h8 21. b5! ♖c5 22. ♘f4 ♕g4 23. ♘h4! ♗f5 24. ♘×f5 (24. ♕b4+–) **24...g×f5 25. ♕×b7 ♖×e5 26. ♖ac1 ♕h4 27. g3 ♕d8 28. ♖c7**

Black resigned.

For and against the blockade

Game 33
Cherniaev – Korniukhin
Vladivostok 1995

This game is interesting in that it shows that this variation does not bring White any advantage.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 f6 8. b3 f×e5 9. b×c4?!

According to Bronstein it is better to play 9. ♘×e5.

9...e4 10. ♘g5 ♘f6 11. f3?!

11. ♖b1 ♕c7 12. g3 h6 13. ♘h3 g5↑;

11. ♗e2 ♕a5 12. ♗b2 ♗d6 13. ♗h5+ ♔e7!±.

11...♕a5?! (11...e3∓) **12. ♕c2!?**

(see next diagram)

12. ♘b3 ♕×c3+ 13. ♗d2 ♕b2 14. ♗c1 ♕c3+ 15. ♗d2=.

12...♘×d4?!

12...h6!? 13. ♘h3 ♗d6 14. f×e4 0–0!? (14...♘×e4 15. c5 ♗c7 16. ♘×e4 d×e4 17. ♗d2±) 15. e5 ♘×e5! 16. d×e5 ♗×e5⩲ 17. ♗b2 ♗d7 18. ♘f3 ♗a4 19. ♕d3 ♗d6 20. ♗e2 e5⇄.

13. c×d4+– e3 14. c5 ♗d7 15. ♗d3 e×d2+ 16. ♗×d2 ♕a4 17. ♕b2

Black resigned.

For and against the blockade

Game 34
McShane – Gdański
4th IECC, Istanbul 2003

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. ♗e2 ♘h6 7. ♗×h6 g×h6 8. ♕d2 ♗g7 9. 0–0 0–0 10. ♘a3 c×d4 11. c×d4 f6 12. e×f6 ♖×f6 13. ♘c2 ♗d7 14. b4

14...a6

14...♖×f3!?, Hort – Spassky, Moscow 1999 (see game 18 on page 21);

14...♖af8!? 15. b5 ♘e7 16. ♘e5 ♗e8 17. a4 ♘g6 (17...♘f5 18. a5 ♕c7∞; G. Kislov – Vysochin, Voronezh 2001) 18. ♘g4 ♖6f7 (18...♖f4!? 19. g3 h5 20. g×f4 h×g4 21. ♗×g4 ♘×f4⩲).

A) 19. ♘×h6+ ♗×h6 20. ♕×h6 ♘f4 21. ♗g4 (21. ♗h5 ♖f6 22. ♕g5+ ♗g6⩲) 21...♖f6⩲;

B) 19. g3 h5 20. ♘h6+ ♗×h6 21. ♕×h6 ♘f4!!†, Kun – Szűk, Budapest 2000.

15. a4 ♖ff8 16. ♖a3 ♗e8 17. ♖e1

17. ♖e3 ♘e7 18. a5 ♕d6 19. ♗d3 ♘f5 (19...♘c6 20. ♖fe1 ♕f4 21. g3 ♕f7 22. ♗f1 ♗d7 23. ♗g2±, Savić – Antić, Banja Koviljača 2002) 20. ♗×f5 ♖×f5 21. ♖fe1 ♖f6 22. ♘e5 ♗a4 23. ♖g3 ♖af8 24. ♘d3 ♔h8 25. ♘e3 h5† (Antonio – Lputian, Shenzhen 1992).

17...♘e7?!

17...♗g6 18. ♗d3 ♗h5⇄.

18. a5 ♕d6 19. ♘e5

19. ♗d3!?.

19...♘g6

19...♖c8 20. ♖h3 ♘g6 21. ♗d3±;

19...♘f5 20. ♗d3± (20. ♖h3 ♘×d4).

20. ♖g3± ♔h8

20...♘×e5 21. d×e5 ♕×e5? 22. ♗g4±.

21. ♗d3 ♘f4 22. ♖f3 ♘×d3 23. ♖×f8+ ♕×f8 24. ♘×d3±

24...♗g6?!

24...♗a4!? 25. ♖×e6 (25. ♘c5 ♗×c2 26. ♕×c2 ♗×d4 27. ♘×e6 ♖e8 28. ♕d2 ♕f6 29. ♘×d4 ♖×e1+ 30. ♕×e1 ♕×d4⇄) 25...♖c8

A) 26. ♘e3 ♗d7 27. ♖b6 ♗×d4 28. ♘c5 (28...♖×b7? ♗c6) 28...♗×c5 29. b×c5 ♕×c5=;

B) 26. ♘c5 ♗×c2 27. ♕×c2 ♗×d4 28. h4 ♗×c5 29. b×c5± ♖×c5 30. ♕b2+ ♔g8 31. ♕e5 d4 32. ♕×d4 ♖c1+ 33. ♔h2 ♖c6 34. ♖e3 (34. ♖×c6 b×c6 35. ♕c4+ ♔g7 36. ♕×c6 ♕×f2 37. ♕b7+ ♔g8 38. ♕b3+ ♕f7 39. ♕×f7+ ♔×f7 40. ♔g3 ♔f6 41. ♔g4 ♔e5 42. ♔h5 ♔f4 43. ♔×h6 ♔g4 44. h5 ♔h4=) 34...♖f6 35. f4± (35. ♕d7).

25. ♖×e6 ♕f5 26. ♖e3

26. ♘f4!± ♖c8 27. ♘e1.

26...♖c8 27. ♘de1! ♖c4

27...♖×c2? 28. ♘×c2 ♕×c2 29. ♕×c2 ♗×c2 30. ♖e8++−.

28. ♖e2 ♕g5 29. ♕d1 ♗h5 30. f3 ♔g8 31. ♖d2 ♗f7

31...♗g6!? 32. ♕e2 ♖c3⩲.

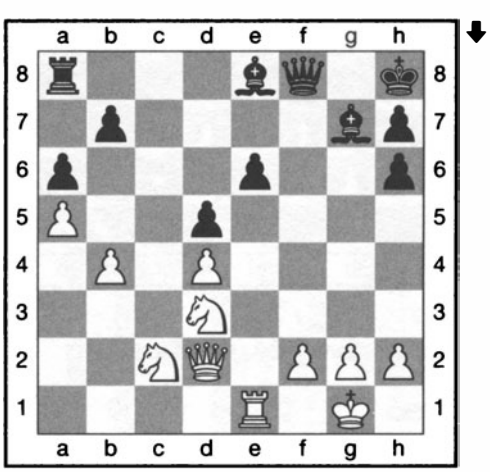
32. ♕e2 h5 33. ♕f2 ♗g6 34. h4

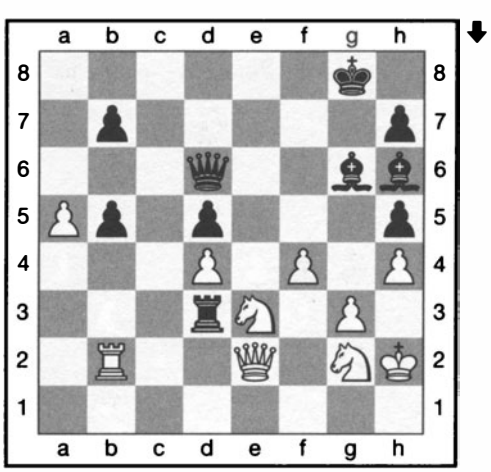
White has stabilised the position and fortified the d4 pawn; now he takes the offensive.

34...♕f4 35. g3 ♕c7 36. ♔h2 ♖c3 37. ♘e3 ♕d6 38. ♘1g2 ♗h6 39. ♕e2 ♖b3 40. ♖b2 ♖d3

40...♕×b4 41. ♖×b3 ♕×b3 42. f4±.

41. ♖d2 ♖b3 42. ♖b2 ♖d3 43. b5 a×b5 44. f4





44...♗e4?!

44...♕d7 45. ♘e1 ♖a3 46. ♘f3 ♗g7 (46...♖×a5 47. ♘e5 ♕e6 48. ♕f3 ♗e4 49. ♕×h5±) 47. ♘e5 ♗×e5 48. f×e5 ♖×a5 49. ♕f3 b4 50. ♖f2 ♕f7 51. ♕g2 ♕d7 52. g4!? ♗e4⇄.

45. ♕×h5 b4 46. ♘f5 ♗×f5 47. ♕×f5 ♖c3

Better was 47...♖×d4 48. ♘e3 ♗f8 49. h5±.

48. ♖e2 ♖c6 49. ♖e5

49. ♖e8+ ♗f8 50. ♘e3+−.

49...♗g7 50. ♖×d5 ♕f8 51. ♕d7 ♖c8 52. ♖b5 ♖c2 53. ♖×b7 ♕f6 54. ♕d5+ ♔h8 55. ♖×b4

55. ♖f7+−.

55...♗f8 56. ♖b8 ♕g7 57. ♖b7

Black resigned.

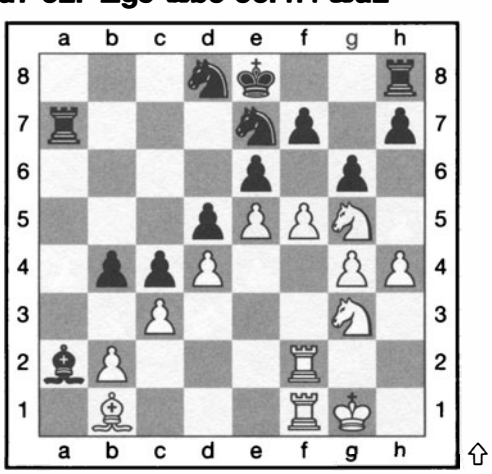
Space advantage, typical endgame

Game 35

Sveshnikov – Donchev

Lvov 1983

1. e4 c5 2. c3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. e5 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♗e2 ♗d7 8. 0–0 ♘ge7 9. ♘bd2 ♘a5 10. ♖b1 ♘ec6 11. ♖e1 ♗e7 12. ♕c2 ♖c8 13. ♘f1 ♕b3 14. ♗d1 ♕×c2 15. ♗×c2 ♘b3 16. ♗f4 ♘ca5 17. ♘g3 ♗a4 18. ♖e2 b5 19. ♘h5 ♔f8 20. ♗g5 ♘c6 21. ♗×e7+ ♘×e7 22. ♖f1 ♘a5 23. ♗b1 ♘ac6 24. g4 ♖c7 25. ♘h4 g6 26. ♘g3 a5 27. f4 ♘d8 28. f5 ♔e8 29. ♘f3 b4 30. a×b4 a×b4 31. ♖ef2 ♖a7 32. ♘g5 ♗b3 33. h4 ♗a2



34. f×e6 f×e6 35. ♗c2 ♗b3 36. ♗b1 ♗a2 37. ♗c2 ♗b3 38. ♗×b3 c×b3 39. c×b4 ♘ec6 40. ♘e2 h6 41. ♘h3 ♖b7 42. ♘hf4 g5 43. ♘d3 g×h4 44. ♔h2 ♖g8 45. ♔h3 ♘×b4 46. ♘df4 ♔d7 47. ♔×h4 ♔c8 48. ♖f3 ♘c2 49. ♘h5 ♖b4 50. ♘f6 ♖f8 51. ♖d1 ♘c6 52. ♖fd3 ♖f7 53. ♔h5 ♖a7 54. ♔×h6 ♖aa4 55. g5 ♘2×d4 56. ♘×d4 ♖×d4 57. ♖×d4 ♘×d4 58. ♖×d4 ♖×d4 59. g6 ♖h4+ 60. ♔g5

Black resigned.

Typical endgame

Game 36

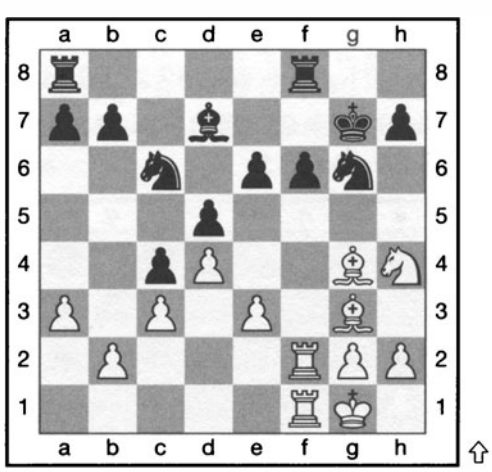
Hába – Faragó

Wattens 1996

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♘c6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 ♘a5 8. ♖b1 ♗d7 9. ♗e2 ♘e7 10. ♘f1 ♕b3 11. ♗f4 ♗a4 12. ♕×b3 ♗×b3 13. ♘e3 ♘g6 14. ♗g3 f5 15. e×f6 g×f6 16. ♘h4 ♗h6 17. 0–0 ♗×e3?!

17...♘f4 18. ♗×f4 ♗×f4 19. g3 ♗c7 20. f4±.

18. f×e3 0–0 19. ♖bc1 ♗a4 20. ♗g4 ♗d7 21. ♖f2 ♘c6 22. ♖cf1 ♔g7



23. e4!? d×e4 24. d5 ♘ce7

24...♘ce5 25. ♘×g6 ♘×g6 (25...h×g6 26. ♗×e5 f×e5 27. d×e6±) 26. d×e6±.

25. d×e6 ♗c6 26. ♗d6 ♖ae8 27. ♘f5+ ♘×f5 28. ♗×f8+ ♘×f8 29. ♗×f5 ♘×e6 30. ♗×e6 ♖×e6 31. ♖d1 ♔g6

31...e3!? 32. ♖e2 f5∞.

32. ♖f4 f5 33. g3 ♗a4 34. ♖d5 e3 35. ♔f1 ♗c2 36. ♖fd4 ♗d3+ 37. ♔e1 ♔g5 38. h4+ ♔h5?!

38...♔f6 39. ♖d6±.

39. g4+

Black resigned.

Space advantage

Game 37

Korchnoi – Iruzubieta Villaluenga
Oviedo (Rapidplay) 1992

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3 ♕b6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♖c8 9. ♗b2 ♘h6 10. ♘c3 ♘a5 11. ♘a4 ♕c6 12. ♘c5?!

I think that White has no opening advantage after this move. In fact he must play very carefully to hold the balance. Instead, 12. ♖c1± is better.

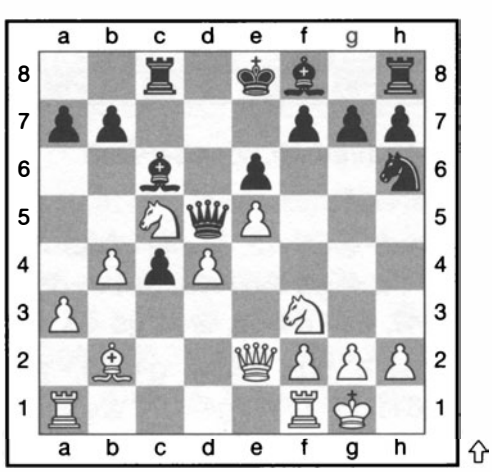
12...♘c4 13. ♗×c4?!

13. ♗c1⇄.

13...d×c4 14. 0–0 ♕d5 15. ♕e2

15. ♘×d7 ♕×d7∓.

15...♗c6∓



16. ♖fe1 ♗e7 17. ♖ac1 0–0 18. ♘e4 ♘f5

18...♕×e4 19. ♕×e4 ♗×e4 20. ♖×e4 b5∓.

19. ♖cd1

19. ♕×c4 ♕×c4 20. ♖×c4 ♗×e4 21. ♖×c8 ♖×c8 22. ♖×e4 ♖c2 23. ♗a1 ♖a2 24. ♗c3 ♖×a3 25. ♗d2 ♖b3∓.

19...♕×e4 20. ♕×e4 ♗×e4 21. ♖×e4 c3 22. ♗c1 h5∓ 23. h3 ♖fd8 24. ♔f1 ♖c4

24...a5!?∓.

25. ♔e2 b5 26. g4 h×g4 27. h×g4 ♘h6

27...c2!? 28. ♖d2 ♘h4 29. ♘e1 ♖dc8 30. ♘d3 g5∓.

28. ♘e1 a5 29. b×a5 ♖a8 30. ♘c2 ♖×a5 31. ♖d3 b4

Draw. 32. a×b4 ♖a2 33. ♖d1 ♖×c2+ 34. ♔d3 ♖×c1 35. ♖×c1 ♖×b4 36. ♖×c3 ♔h7⇄.

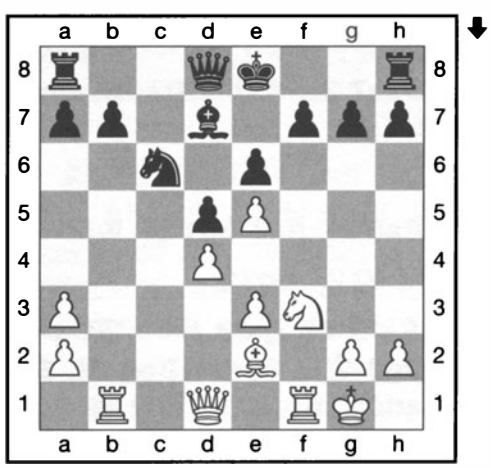
Advantage in development going into the endgame; play on the c-file

Game 38

Sveshnikov – Luther
Nova Gorica 2000

This game illustrates just how dangerous it is for Black to part with his dark-squared bishop.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘h6 7. 0–0 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘a3 ♗×a3 10. b×a3 ♕b6 11. ♗e3 ♘×e3 12. f×e3 ♕d8 13. ♖b1

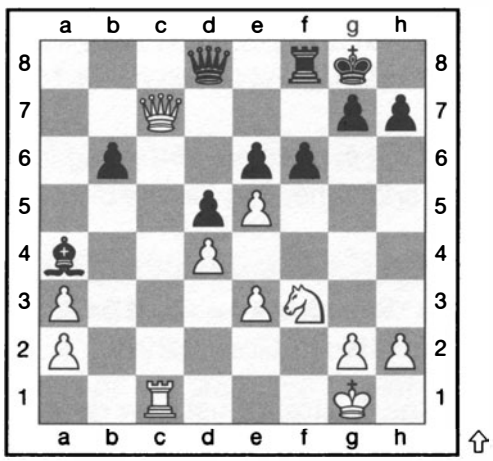


13...b6

Now the Black position deteriorates. Instead 13...♘a5! leads to an interesting game: 14. ♕e1 0–0 15. ♗d3 ♖c8 16. ♕g3 (16. e4 ♗c6=) 16...h6 17. ♘e1 (17. h4 ♖c3 18. ♘e1 ♕e7 19. ♖f6 ♕×a3∓) 17...♕g5 18. ♕h3 b6 (18...f6 19. ♗b5±; 18...♖c3 19. ♖f3 ♕e7 20. ♖g3 ♔h8 21. ♕g4 f5!) 19. ♖f3 ♔h8∞.

14. ♗b5 ♖c8 15. ♕a4 0–0 16. ♗×c6 ♖×c6 17. ♕×a7 ♗e8 18. ♖fc1 ♖×c1+ 19. ♖×c1 f6 20. ♕c7± ♗a4!

Making use of his lead in development, White heads for the endgame. This is a typical method. However, Black finds a good defensive resource.



21. h3?!

This gives away a large part of White's advantage. It was much better to play 21. ♔f2!?± ♕×c7 22. ♖×c7 f×e5 23. d×e5 ♖f7 24. ♖c8+ ♖f8 25. ♖×f8+ ♔×f8 26. ♘g5+–. Also good is 21. ♕a7±.

21...♕×c7 22. ♖×c7 ♖f7 23. ♖c8+ ♖f8 24. ♖c1

24. ♖c3±.

24...♖a8 25. ♖c3 ♗d1 26. ♔f2?!

26. ♘e1 ♗e2 27. ♘c2±.

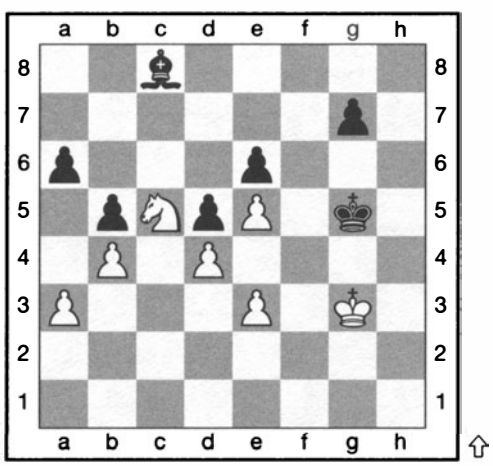
26...♗×f3 27. g×f3 f×e5 28. d×e5 b5 29. ♔g3 ♔f7 30. f4 ♖a4 31. ♔g4 d4 32. e×d4 ♖×d4 33. h4 ♖d2 34. ♖c7+ ♔f8 35. f5 ♖d4+ 36. ♔g3

Here the game was agreed drawn in view of 36...h6+ 37. ♔g6 (37. ♔h5 e×f5 38. ♔g6 ♖×h4 39. ♔×f5 ♖a4=) 37...♖g4+ 38. ♔h7 e×f5 39. h5 or 36...e×f5 37. e6= ♖e4.

Space advantage; typical endgame

Game 39
Grischuk – Radjabov
FIDE Grand Prix, Dubai 2002

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♖c8 7. 0–0 a6 8. ♔h1!? c×d4!? 9. c×d4 ♘ge7 10. ♘c3 ♘g6 11. ♗d3 ♗e7 12. ♗e3 0–0 13. ♖e1 ♘a5 14. ♖c1 ♘c4 15. ♖c2 ♘×e3 16. f×e3 b5 17. a3 ♕b6 18. h4 ♗×h4 19. ♘×h4 ♘×h4 20. ♗×h7+ ♔×h7 21. ♕h5+ ♔g8 22. ♕×h4 ♕d8 23. ♕×d8 ♖f×d8 24. ♖ec1 f6 25. ♘e2 ♖c4 26. b3 ♖×c2 27. ♖×c2 ♖c8 28. ♖×c8+ ♗×c8 29. b4 ♔f7 30. ♔h2 ♔g6 31. g4 f5 32. ♔g3 ♔g5 33. g×f5 ♔×f5 34. ♔f3 ♗d7 35. ♘c1 ♔g5 36. ♔g3 ♔f5 37. ♘b3 ♔g5 (37...♔e4 38. ♘c5+) **38. ♘c5 ♗c8**



39. e4! d×e4 40. ♘×e4+ ♔h5

40...♔f5 41. ♘d6+.

41. ♘c5 ♔g5 42. ♘e4+ ♔h5 43. ♔f4 ♔h4 44. ♘g5 ♗d7 45. d5! e×d5 46. e6 ♗e8 47. ♘f7 d4 48. ♔e4 g5 49. ♘d6 g4

49...♗c6+?! 50. ♔×d4 g4 51. ♔c5+–; 49...♗g6+! 50. ♔×d4 g4= 51. ♔e3 g3 52. e7 ♔h3 53. ♘e4 g2 54. ♘g5+ ♔g4 55. ♘f3 ♔f5

56. ♘h4+ ♔f6 57. ♘×g2 ♔×e7 58. ♔d4 ♔d6 59. ♘e3 ♗h7 =.

50. ♘×e8 g3 51. ♘d6 g2 52. e7 g1♕ 53. e8♕ ♕e3+ 54. ♔d5 ♕×e8 55. ♘×e8 d3 56. ♘d6 d2 57. ♘f5+ ♔g4 58. ♘e3+ ♔f3 59. ♘d1

Black resigned.

Counterplay by Black against the e5 pawn with f7–f6

Game 40

Keres – Ståhlberg

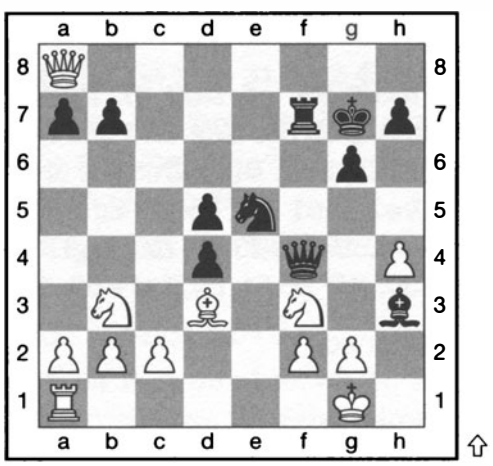
6th Olympiad, Warsaw 1935

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. ♘f3 ♕b6 5. ♗d3 c×d4 6. 0–0 ♘d7 7. ♘bd2 ♘e7 8. ♘b3 ♘c6 9. ♖e1 g6 10. ♗f4 ♗g7 11. ♕d2 0–0 12. h4 ♕c7?!

12…a5!? ⇄.

13. ♕e2 f6 14. e×f6 ♕×f4 15. ♕×e6+ ♖f7 16. f×g7 ♘de5 17. ♕e8+ ♔×g7 18. ♖×e5 ♗h3 19. ♕×a8 ♘×e5

19…♗×g2 20. ♖f5!+–.



20. ♕e8!+– ♘c6 21. ♕×f7+ ♔×f7 22. ♘g5+ ♔f6 23. ♘×h3 ♕×h4 24. ♖e1 g5 25. ♘d2 ♕h6 26. ♘f3 g4 27. ♘fg5 ♕h5 28. ♘×h7+ ♔g7 29. ♘f4 ♕h6 30. ♘g5 ♕d6 31. ♘h5+ ♔f8 32. ♖e6 ♕b4 33. ♗g6 ♘e7 34. ♖f6+ ♔g8 35. ♗h7+

Black resigned.

Counterplay by Black against the e5 pawn with f7–f6

Game 41

Enders – Uhlmann

27th GDR Championship, Eggesin 1978

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 f6?! 8. b3!?

8...f×e5

8...c×b3 9. ♘×b3

A) 9...f×e5 10. ♘×e5 (10. d×e5±) 10...♘×e5 (10...♘f6 11. c4±) 11. d×e5 ♕c7 12. ♗b5+ ♗d7 13. ♗×d7+ ♔×d7 14. 0–0→;

B) 9...♕c7 10. c4!?± f×e5 11. c×d5 e×d5 12. d×e5 ♗g4

B1) 13. ♕×d5 ♖d8 14. ♕e4 ♗×f3

B1a) 15. g×f3 ♕×e5 16. ♗b2 ♕×e4+ (16...♕e7 17. ♕×e7+ ♘g×e7 18. ♘c5±) 17. f×e4 ♘f6 18. f3± (18. ♗g2±);

B1b) 15. ♕×f3 ♕×e5+ 16. ♕e2 ♗d6 17. ♗b2 ♕×e2+ 18. ♗×e2 ♘f6 (18...♗e5 19. ♗×e5 ♘×e5 20. ♘c5±) 19. 0–0–0 0–0 20. ♖he1!?±;

B2) 13. ♗b2!± ♘ge7 14. ♖c1 ♖d8 15. h3 ♗×f3 (15...♗h5 16. ♘bd4±) 16. ♕×f3 d4 (16...♘g6 17. e6 ♗d6 18. ♖c2!?±) 17. ♕e4 (17. e6 ♕e5+ 18. ♗e2 ♕×e6 19. ♘c5 ♕d5 20. 0–0 d3 21. ♖fd1 d2 22. ♖c2±)

B2a) 17...♕×e5 18. ♕×e5 ♘×e5 19. ♘×d4 ♘7c6 20. ♘×c6 (20. ♘e6 ♘d3+ 21. ♗×d3 ♖×d3 22. ♔e2 ♖b3⇄) 20...♘×c6 21. ♗c4±;

B2b) 17...♘g6 18. f4 ♕b6 19. ♗c4 d3

B2b1) 20. ♔d1 ♕f2 21. ♘d2 ♘×f4 22. ♖f1 ♕e2+ 23. ♕×e2 d×e2+ 24. ♗×e2 ♘×g2! (24...♘×e2 25. ♔×e2±) 25. ♖f3 g6 26. ♖cc3 ♗h6 27. ♖cd3 ♘f4⇄;

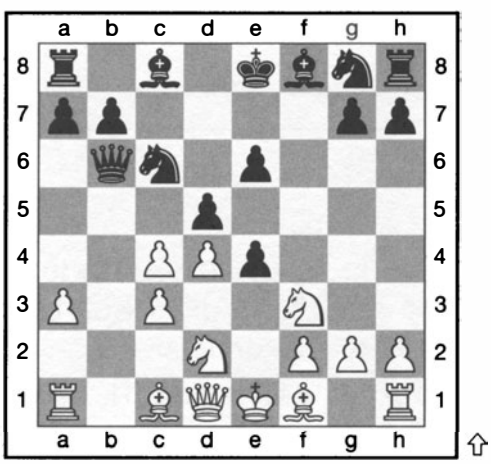
B2b2) 20. ♖b1!? ♗e7 (20...♘a5 21. ♘×a5 ♕×a5+ 22. ♔f2!?±) 21. g3±.

9. b×c4

9. ♘×e5!? (Bronstein) 9...♘×e5 10. d×e5 ♘h6 11. b×c4 ♗c5 12. ♕h5+ ♘f7 13. c×d5 ♗×f2+ 14. ♔d1†.

9...e4

In this position White has no advantage, so he should follow Bronstein's suggestion on move 9.



10. ♘h4?

10. ♘g5 ♗e7 11. ♖b1

A) 11...♕c7 12. c×d5 e×d5 13. c4!± ♗f5 14. c×d5 e3 15. d×c6 ♗×b1 16. ♘e6! e×d2+ 17. ♗×d2 ♕b6 (17...♕×c6? 18. ♗b5+−) 18. ♗c4!⇄;

B) 11...♕d8 12. ♖×b7!? (12. h4 ♘f6 13. ♗e2⇄) 12...♗×g5 (12...e3 13. ♖×e7+ ♕×e7 14. ♘df3±) 13. ♖×g7 ♔f8□ 14. ♖×g5 ♕×g5 15. ♘×e4 ⩲;

10. ♖b1

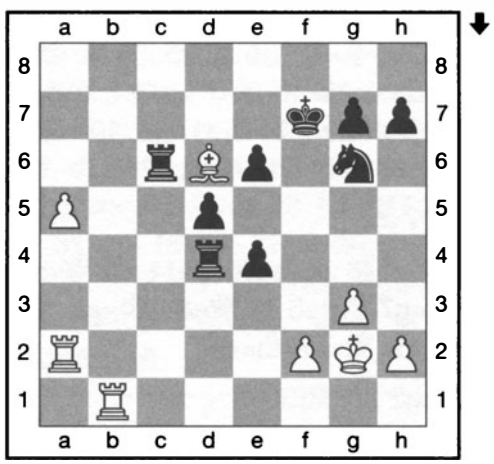
A) 10...♕d8 11. ♘e5 ♘×e5 12. d×e5

A1) 12...♘e7 13. c×d5 e×d5 14. ♗b5+ ♘c6 (14...♗d7 15. ♕b3±) 15. ♘b3±;

A2) 12...a6 13. c×d5 e×d5 14. c4±;

B) 10...♕a5 11. ♘b3 ♕c7 (11...♕a4 12. ♘e5 ♘f6⇄) 12. ♘g5 ♘f6 13. c×d5 e×d5 14. c4 ♗f5∓.

10...♘f6 11. g3 ♗e7 12. ♖b1 ♕c7 13. ♗e2 0–0 14. 0–0 ♘a5!∓ 15. c5 b6 16. ♘b3 ♘×b3 17. c×b6 a×b6 18. ♕×b3 ♗a6 19. ♖e1 ♘d7 20. ♘g2 ♖fc8 21. ♗g4 ♘f8 22. ♕×b6 ♕d7 23. ♘f4 ♗d6 24. ♕b2 ♕f7 25. ♕d2 ♖c6 26. ♔g2 ♖ac8 27. ♗e2 ♗×f4 28. ♕×f4 ♗×e2 29. ♕×f7+ ♔×f7 30. ♖×e2 ♖×c3 31. ♗f4 ♘g6 32. ♗d6 ♖8c4 33. ♖a2 ♖×d4 34. a4 ♖c6 35. a5



35...♖×d6 36. a6 ♖d2 37. ♖×d2 ♖×a6 38. ♖b4 ♘e5 39. ♖c2 ♔f6 40. ♖c8 ♘d3 41. ♖b7 ♖a2 42. ♖f8+ ♔e5 43. ♔f1 ♖a1+ 44. ♔e2 ♘e1 45. ♖×g7 ♘f3 46. ♖×f3 ♖a2+ 47. ♔e1 e×f3 48. ♖f7 ♖a3 49. ♖×h7 ♔e4 50. ♖f7 e5 51. h4 ♖a1+ 52. ♔d2 ♖f1

White resigned.

Counterplay by Black against the e5 pawn with f7–f6

Game 42

Morozevich – Bareev

11th Amber (blindfold), Monaco 2002

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗e3 f6

The right move; now White has no advantage.

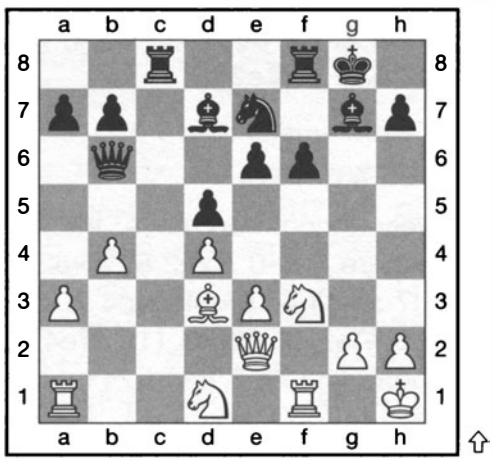
10. e×f6 g×f6 11. ♗d3 ♘×e3 12. f×e3 ♗h6

12...e5.

13. ♕e2 ♗d7 14. ♘c3 ♘e7 15. 0–0 0–0

15...e5 16. e4! e×d4 17. ♘×d5 ♘×d5 18. e×d5+ ♗e3+ 19. ♔h1 ±.

16. ♔h1 ♖ac8 17. ♘d1 ♗g7 ⇄



18. ♘f2 e5 19. d×e5 f×e5 20. e4 d4 21. ♖ac1 ♘g6 22. ♖×c8 ♗×c8 23. g3 ♗h6 24. ♘d2 ♔g7 25. ♘c4 ♕e6 26. b5 ♕e7 27. ♘d1 ♗d7 28. ♖×f8 ♕×f8 29. a4 ♕b4? 30. h4 ♕c5 31. ♘f2 ♘h8?!

31...♔g8 32. h5 ♘e7 33. ♘g4 ♗g7 34. h6 ♗h8 35. ♕f3 ♘g6 36. ♘f6+ ♗×f6 37. ♕×f6 ♕f8 38. ♕×f8+ ♔×f8 ⇄.

32. ♘g4 ♘f7 33. ♕f3† ♕e7 34. ♘a5?! ♗c8

34...♗d2 35. ♘c4 ♗b4 ∓.

35. ♘c4 ♗c1 36. ♔h2 h6 37. ♕d1 ♗a3 38. ♗f1 ♗b4 39. ♗h3 ♕c5 40. ♘b2 ♕c3 41. ♘d3 ♗d6 42. ♘gf2 ♗×h3 43. ♔×h3 ♕c4 44. ♕g4+ ♔f8 45. ♕d7 ♕×a4 46. ♕×b7 ♕a1

46...♕a5 47. ♔g4 ♔g7 48. ♔f5 h5 49. g4 ♕d8 50. g×h5 ♕×h4 51. ♔e6 ♕f6+ 52. ♔d5 ♕d8 ⇄.

47. ♔g2 ♔g7 48. ♕d7 ♕a2 49. ♔h3 ±

Black exceeded the time limit.

Counterplay by Black on the kingside

Game 43

Zhuravliov – Sveshnikov

Moscow 1975

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 e6 3. c3 d5 4. e5 ♘h6 5. d4 ♘f5 6. ♗d3 ♘c6 7. 0–0 c×d4 8. ♗×f5 e×f5 9. c×d4 ♗e7 10. ♘c3 ♗e6 11. ♘e2 g5 12. ♕b3 ♖b8 13. ♗d2 f4!

13...0–0? 14. ♘×g5! ±.

14. ♖ac1 ♕d7 15. ♔h1 ♗f5 16. ♘e1 0–0 17. ♘d3 f6! 18. ♘c5 ♗×c5 19. ♖×c5 f×e5 20. d×e5!

20. ♕×d5+? ♕×d5 21. ♖×d5 ♗e4 ∓.

20...♗e6 21. ♖e1! d4 22. ♕d3 ♖bd8 23. ♘g1 ♖f5 24. ♕b5? g4?!

24...♖df8.

25. ♖e4! ♖df8

25...d3 26. ♖×f4 ♖×f4 27. ♗×f4 d2 28. ♗×d2 ♕×d2 29. ♕×b7 ♗d5 30. e6!.

26. ♘e2 f3

26...d3 27. ♘×f4 ♖×f4 28. ♖×f4 ♖×f4 29. ♗×f4 d2 30. ♗×d2 ♕×d2 31. ♕f1 ∞.

27. ♖×g4+ ♔h8 28. ♘f4 ♖5f7 29. ♖h4 f×g2+ 30. ♔g1 ♖g8 31. ♖h6

31...♖×f4! ∓ 32. ♗×f4 d3 33. ♖c1 d2?

33...a6!.

34. ♖d1 ♘d4 35. ♕d3 ♗f5 36. ♕e3 ♕d5 37. e6! ♖g7!? 38. ♖×d2?

38. e7? ♖×e7! 39. ♕×e7 ♘f3+ 40. ♔×g2 ♘h4+– +;

38. ♖f6! h5 39. e7!±.

38...♕c4! 39. ♖d1 ♘e2+ 40. ♕×e2 ♕×e2 41. ♖c1 ♗d3 42. ♖c8+

White resigned.

Black counterplay on the c-file

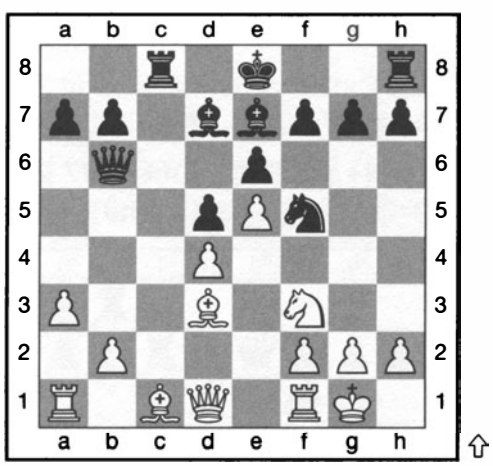
Game 44

Benjamin – Gulko

US Championship, Key West 1994

A theoretically important game. So far no way for White to gain an advantage has been found.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘ge7!? 7. ♘a3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♕b6 10. 0–0 ♖c8 11. ♗d3 ♘b4 12. ♘×b4 ♗×b4 13. a3 ♗e7



14. ♗×f5

What else can White do? Now he plans to exchange the dark-squared bishops. In fact there is another move – 14. ♔h1 !?.

14...e×f5 15. ♗g5 ♗×g5 16. ♘×g5 0–0 17. ♕d2 ♖c4 18. ♘f3 ♖fc8 19. ♖ac1 ♕c7 20. ♖×c4

Draw. 20...♕×c4 (20...d×c4? 21. ♖c1 ±) 21. ♖e1 ⇄ or 21. ♕g5 ⇄.

Development advantage for Black; counter-attack on the king

Game 45

Svidler – Shirov

León (Rapidplay) 2004

This game is of interest mainly for its length: even in rapidplay it is extremely rare for a player of Svidler's class to lose in just 13 moves.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2

6. a3.

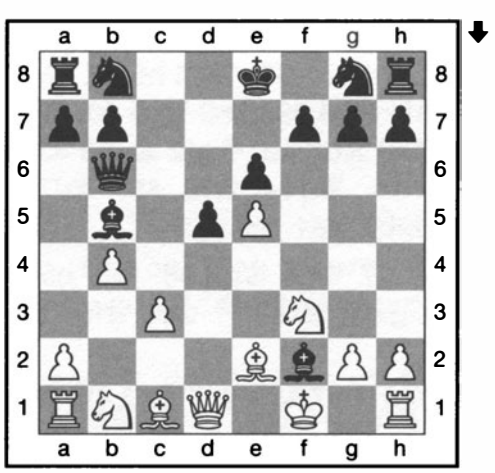
6...♗b5 7. d×c5!?

A relatively uncommon move; the main alternatives are 7. 0–0 ♗×e2 8. ♕×e2 ♕a6!? or 7. c4!? ♗×c4 8. ♗×c4 d×c4 9. d5 e×d5 10. ♕×d5 ♘e7 11. ♕×c4 (11. ♕e4, I. Zaitsev – Doda, Riga 1968, game 24 on page 25) 11...♕a6 12. ♘a3 ♕×c4 13. ♘×c4 ♘d5 14. ♗g5 ♘d7 15. 0–0–0 ♘7b6= (McShane – Thórhallsson, 35th Olympiad, Bled 2002).

7...♗×c5 8. b4?

8. 0–0 ♗×e2 9. ♕×e2 ♕a6! (9...a5?! 10. c4 ♘e7 11. ♘c3±, Movsesian – Volkov, Panormo (Blitz) 2002) 10. ♕×a6 (10. ♕c2 ♘d7 11. a4 ♖c8⇄, Kupreichik – V. Molnar, Rimavska Sobota 1990) 10...♘×a6 11. b4 ♗b6 12. a4±. The worth of the move 6. ♗e2 depends very much on the evaluation of this endgame.

8...♗×f2+ 9. ♔f1



White is a pawn down and unable to castle, but the f2 bishop has problems getting back into its own camp.

9...♗d7

An earlier game had gone 9...♗c6!? 10. ♕d3 a6 11. a4 ♘e7 12. ♖a2 ♘f5 13. g4 ♘h4 14. a5 ♕a7 15. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 16. ♗e3 b6 17. ♗×b6 ♕b7 18. ♗d4 f6⇄ (Kristjánsson – Thorsson, Reykjavík 1998). Obviously 9...♗×e2+? 10. ♕×e2 is bad.

10. ♕d2

White protects the e3 square and threatens to win the bishop with 11. ♗d3. An earlier try was 10. c4!, which seems more consistent, e. g. 10...d×c4?! (grandmaster M. Golubev suggests 10...♘a6!? 11. c5 ♘×c5 12. b×c5 ♗×c5 with an unclear position) 11. ♘a3!± a6? 12. ♘×c4 ♕a7 13. ♘d6+ ♔f8 (13...♔e7 14. ♗g5+ f6 15. e×f6 g×f6 16. ♘e4+–) 14. ♘c8!, and Black resigned (Rogers – Sribar, Wijk aan Zee 1977).

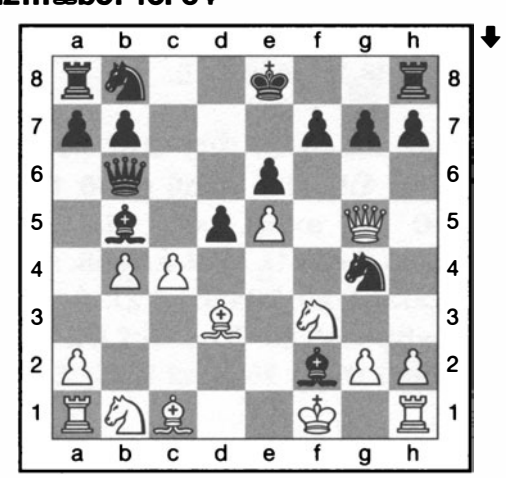
10...♘h6 11. ♗d3?

This leads to a lost position. The computer suggests 11. a4!? a5 (11...♘g4? 12. a5+–) 12. ♗d3 ♘g4 13. ♕g5 h5⇄.

11...♘g4∓ 12. ♕g5?!

The difference between this and the variation above is that here the b5 square is not defended. However, Black is clearly better in any case, e. g. 12. h3 ♗e3 13. ♕c2 ♘f2!? or 12. ♕f4 ♗e3!? 13. ♕×g4 ♗×c1 14. ♕×g7 ♖f8.

12...♗b5! 13. c4



13...♗g3!

White resigned, in view of 14. ♕d2 d×c4.

Play on both wings

Game 46

Portisch – Milić

12th Olympiad, Moscow 1956

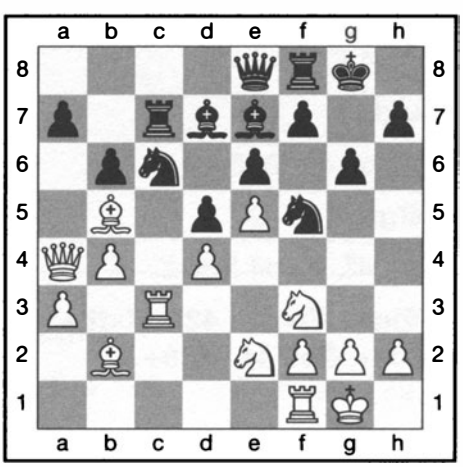
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3 ♕b6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♖c8 9. ♗b2 ♘h6 10. ♘c3 ♘f5 11. ♘a4 ♕d8 12. ♗d3 (12. ♖c1; 12. ♘c5) **12...b6 13. 0–0 ♗e7 14. ♘c3 g6 15. ♗a6 ♖b8 16. ♖c1** (16. ♕d3±) **16...0–0 17. ♗b5 ♕e8 18. ♕a4 ♖c8 19. ♘e2?! ♖c7!**

19...♘×e5!? 20. ♖×c8 ♘×f3+ 21. g×f3 ♗×b5 22. ♖×e8 ♘×a4 23. ♖×f8+ ♔×f8 24. ♖c1 ♗b5∞.

20. ♖c3

20. ♘g3 ♘×e5∓;

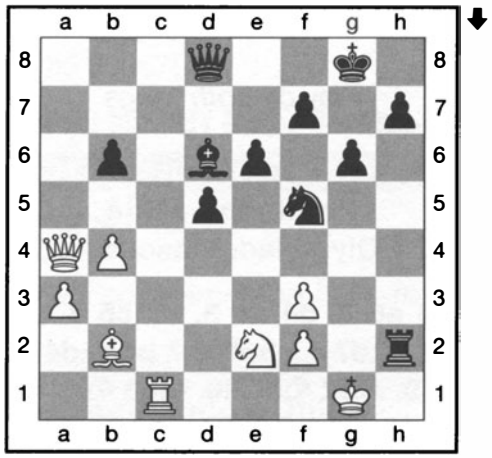
20. ♖fe1 ♘×e5 21. ♖×c7 ♘×f3+ 22. g×f3 ♗×b5 23. ♕×a7 ♗d6∓.



20...♘×e5∓ 21. ♖×c7 ♘×f3+ 22. g×f3 ♗×b5 23. ♕c2 ♗d6 24. ♖×a7 ♕b8–+ 25. ♖a4 ♖c8 26. ♕d1 ♗×h2+ 27. ♔h1 ♗d6 28. ♖g1 ♕b7 29. ♘c3 ♗×a4 30. ♘×a4 ♖c4 31. ♘c3 ♖×d4 32. ♕a4 ♖h4+ 33. ♔g2 ♕c8

33...d4 34. ♕e8+ ♔g7 35. ♘e4 ♖×e4 36. f×e4 ♕×e4+–+.

34. ♖c1 ♕d8 35. ♘e2 ♖h2+ 36. ♔g1



36...♖h5

36...♘e3!−+.

37. ♕a6 ♗f8

37...♕g5+ 38. ♘g3 d4−+.

38. ♖c8 ♕e7

38...♕g5+ 39. ♘g3 ♘×g3 40. ♖×f8+ ♔×f8 41. ♕c8+=.

39. ♕×b6 d4?!

39...♘d6 40. ♖c7 ♕h4 41. ♘g3 ♕h2+ 42. ♔f1 ♖h4∓.

40. ♗×d4

40. ♕d8!? e5 41. ♘g3⇄.

40...♕g5+

40...♘×d4 41. ♕×d4 ♖d5±.

41. ♘g3 ♘×g3 42. ♖×f8+= ♔×f8 43. ♕d6+ ♔e8 44. ♕c6+

Draw.

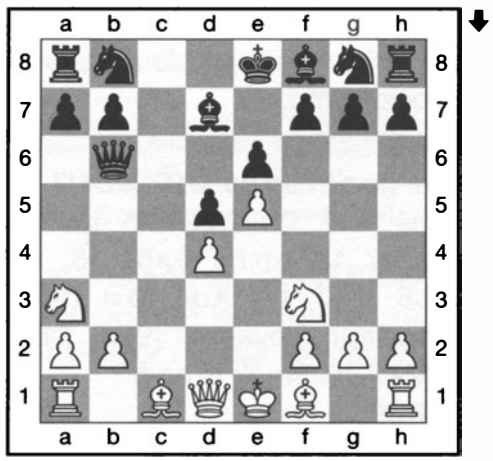
Play on both wings

Game 47

Kupreichik – Timoshchenko
Odessa 1968

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♘a3 c×d4 7. c×d4

(see next diagram)



7...♘c6

7...♗b4+ 8. ♗d2 ♘e7 9. ♗d3 (9. ♗e2 ♗×a3 10. b×a3 ♗b5 11. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 12. ♖b1 ♕d7 13. ♕b3 b6⇄ 14. a4) 9...♗×d2+ 10. ♕×d2 ♘bc6 11. ♘c2 ♕×b2 12. 0−0 ♕b6 13. ♖ab1 ♕c7 14. ♖fc1

A) 14...h6 15. ♘e3 (15. ♖b3) 15...♖c8 16. ♕b2 b6 17. ♖c1⩲;

B) 14...0−0 15. ♕g5⩲ f6 16. e×f6 ♖×f6 17. ♘e3 h6 (17. ... ♖×f3 18. g×f3 ♗e8 19. ♕g3 ♕×g3+ 20. f×g3 b6 21. ♘c2±) 18. ♕h4

B1) 18...♖b8 19. ♘e5 ♕d8 20. ♘3g4 ♖f8 21. ♘×h6+ g×h6 22. ♕×h6 ♖f7 23. ♕h8+ (23. ♘×f7 ♔×f7 24. ♕h7+ ♔f6 25. ♖c3 ♕g8 26. ♕h6+ ♔f7 27. ♕h5+ ♔f8⇄ 28. ♗h7?! ♕h8∓) 23...♔×h8 24. ♘×f7+ ♔g7 25. ♘×d8 ♖×d8 26. ♖×b7 ♔f6 27. f4±;

B2) 18...♖af8 19. ♘e5 ♗c8.

8. ♗e2 ♗b4+ 9. ♔f1 ♗e7 10. h4 f6 11. ♖h3 ♘h6 12. ♗×h6 g×h6 13. ♕d2 0−0−0 14. e×f6 ♗×f6 15. ♘b5 e5 16. d×e5 ♗×h3 17. e×f6 ♗g4 18. a4 ♗×f3 19. ♗×f3 a6 20. ♕f4 a×b5 21. ♗g4+ ♖d7 22. a×b5 ♘a5 23. ♕b4 ♕c7 24. b6 ♕h2 25. ♖×a5 ♕h1+ 26. ♔e2 ♖e8+ 27. ♕e7

Black resigned.

Play on both wings; play on the dark squares

Game 48

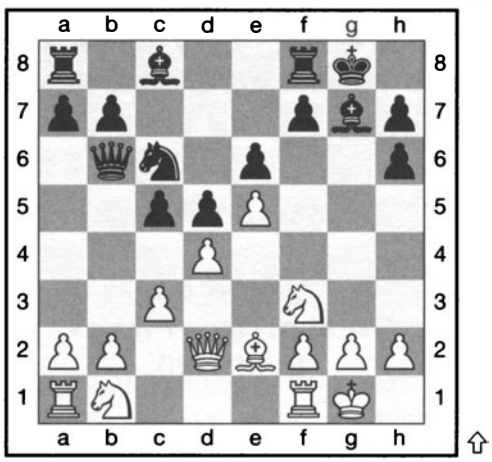
Kupreichik – Lautier

GMA Open, Belgrade 1988

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. ♗e2 ♘h6 7. ♗×h6!? g×h6

7...♕×b2 8. ♗c1 ♕×a1 9. ♕c2 c×d4±.

8. ♕d2 ♗g7 9. 0–0 0–0



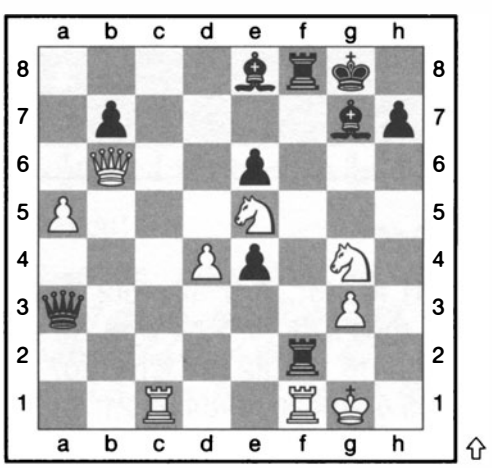
10. ♘a3! c×d4 11. c×d4 ♗d7

11...f6!? 12. e×f6 ♖×f6 13. ♘c2⇄.

12. ♘c2 f6 13. e×f6 ♖×f6 14. b4 ♖af8 15. b5 ♘e7 16. ♘e5± ♗e8 17. g3 h5 18. a4 ♘f5 19. a5 ♕c7 20. ♖ac1± ♘d6 21. ♘e3 ♕e7 22. ♕b2 h4 23. ♗d3

Better is 23. b6 a6 (23...a×b6 24. ♕×b6+–) 24. ♖c7 ♕d8 25. ♗d3±.

23...h×g3 24. h×g3 ♘e4 25. ♗×e4 d×e4 26. b6 a×b6 27. ♕×b6 ♕a3 28. ♘3g4 ♖×f2



29. ♖×f2?!

29. ♘×f2 ♕×g3+ 30. ♔h1 ♗c6! 31. ♖×c6 (31. ♘fg4 ♖×f1+ 32. ♖×f1 ♕h4+ 33. ♔g1 ♕g3+ 34. ♔h1 ♕h4+ 35. ♔g2 e3+ 36. ♘×c6 ♕×g4+=) 31...♕h4+□ 32. ♔g2 ♗×e5 33. d×e5 ♕g5+ 34. ♔h2 ♕f4+ 35. ♔g2 ♕f3+ 36. ♔g1 ♕g3+ 37. ♔h1 ♕f3+ 38. ♔h2 ♕f4+=.

29...♕×c1+= 30. ♔g2 ♖×f2+ 31. ♘×f2 ♕c8⇄ 32. ♘fg4 ♗h5 33. ♘e3 ♗h6 34. ♘3c4 e3± 35. ♕d6?

35. ♕b3!.

35...e2 36. ♔f2

36. ♕b4 ♕d8–+.

36...♗f8 37. ♕b6

37. ♕d7 ♕×d7 38. ♘×d7 ♗b4–+.

37...♗g7?

37...♗e7!–+ 38. ♘d2 e1♕+ 39. ♔×e1 ♕c1+–+.

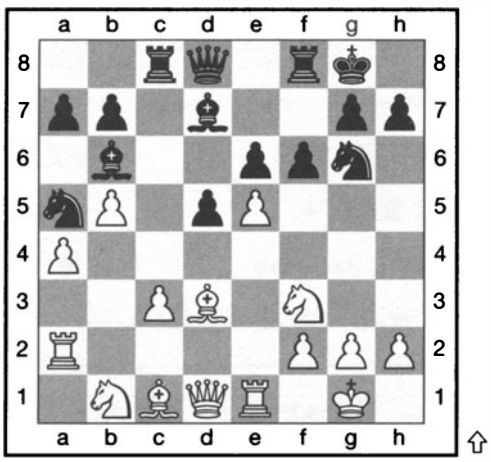
38. g4□= ♗×g4 39. ♘×g4 ♕×c4 40. ♕d8+ ♔f7 41. ♕d7+ ♔g6 42. ♕e8+ ♔g5 43. ♕e7+ ♔g6 44. ♕e8+ ♔g5 45. ♕e7+ ♔×g4 46. ♕×g7+ ♔f5 47. ♕×h7+ ♔f6 48. ♕h4+ ♔f7 49. ♕h7+ ♔f6

Draw.

Play on both wings

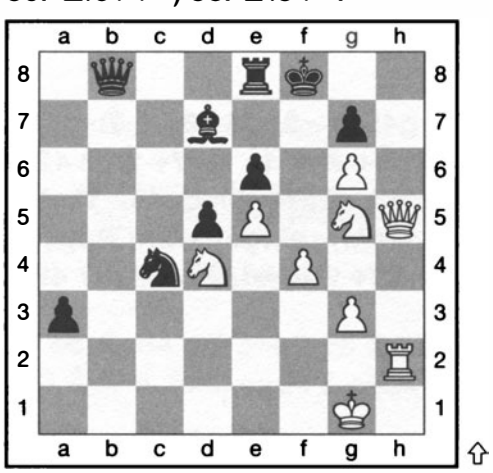
Game 49
Sveshnikov – Naumkin
Moscow 1989

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. d×c5 ♗×c5 7. ♗d3 ♘ge7 (7...a5!?) **8. b4 ♗b6 9. b5 ♘a5 10. 0–0** (10. h4!?) **10...♖c8! 11. a4 ♘g6 12. ♖e1 f6 13. ♖a2 0–0**



14. ♗×g6 h×g6 15. ♕d3 ♔f7 16. ♗e3 ♖h8 17. ♖ae2 ♘c4 18. ♗d4 ♖h6 (18...g5!?) **19. h4 a6 20. b×a6 b×a6 21. ♘bd2 ♗×d4 22. c×d4 ♖h8 23. ♘b3 f×e5 24. d×e5 ♗×a4 25. ♘bd4 ♗d7 26. g3 ♕e8 27. ♖b1 ♖f8 28. ♖b7 ♔g8 29. ♘g5 ♖d8 30. f4 a5 31. h5 a4 32. ♖h2 a3 33. h×g6 ♖b8 34. ♖×b8** (better is 34. ♕c2!) **34...♕×b8 35. ♕d1 ♖e8□ 36. ♕h5 ♔f8**

36...♕b1+ 37. ♔f2 ♕b2+ (37...♔f8 38. ♘h7+! ♔g8 39. ♘f6++–) 38. ♔f3+–.



37. ♕h8+?

Better 37. ♘h7+ ♔g8 38. ♘f6+!+–.

37...♔e7 38. ♕×g7+ ♔d8 39. ♘g×e6+ ♔c8□ 40. ♖h7 ♘b6

More stubborn was 40...♕b1+ 41. ♔h2 ♕b2+ 42. ♔h3 ♖d8 43. ♕×d7+! (43. f5 ♕f2⇄) 43...♖×d7 44. ♖×d7 ♔×d7 45. g7 ♕b8 46. ♘f8+ ♔e7 47. g8♕ ♕×f8 48. ♘c6+ ♔e8 49. ♕e6+ ♕e7 50. ♕×e7#.

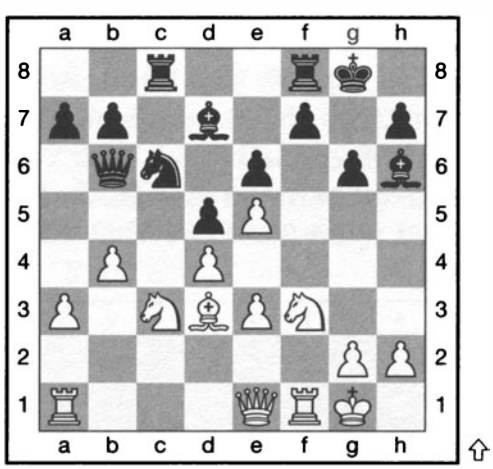
41. ♘c5 a2 42. ♘×d7 a1♕+ 43. ♔h2 ♕b2+ 44. ♔h3 ♕c7□ 45. ♘×b6+

Black resigned.

Play on both wings

Game 50
Sveshnikov – Piskov
Bled 1990

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♗d7 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♖c8 9. ♗e3 ♘h6 10. ♗d3 ♘g4 11. 0–0 ♘×e3 12. f×e3 g6 13. ♘c3 ♗h6 14. ♕e1 0–0

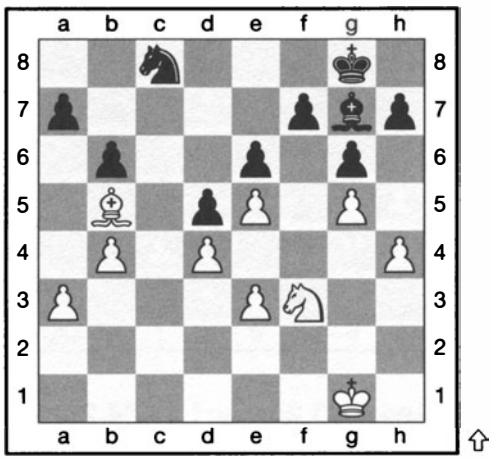


15. ♘a4

15. ♘d1! f6 (15...♗g7 16. ♘f2 f5 17. e×f6 ♖×f6 18. ♘g4 ♖ff8 19. ♕h4 ♕d8 20. ♘g5+–) 16. e×f6 ♖×f6 17. ♘f2 (17. ♕h4 ♗g7 18. ♘f2 e5 19. b5 ♘×d4 20. e×d4 e4 21. ♘e5 ♗f5∓) 17...e5 (17...♗g7 18. ♘g4 ♖×f3 19. ♖×f3

♘×d4 20. ♘f6+ ♔h8 21. ♖f4±) 18. b5 ♘×d4 19. ♘×e5 ♗×b5 20. e×d4±.

15...♕d8 16. ♘c5 ♖c7 17. h4 b6 18. ♘×d7 ♕×d7 19. ♗b5 ♕c8 20. g4 ♘e7 21. g5 ♗g7 22. ♖c1 ♖×c1 23. ♕×c1 ♕×c1 24. ♖×c1 ♖c8 25. ♖×c8+ ♘×c8



It might appear that there is no point in playing on in this ending; there are bishops of opposite colour and Black has no weaknesses. But in reality White has practically an extra piece – his king! His plan is first to achieve the e3–e4 break, followed by d4–d5 to make use of his more active king. Black lacks counterplay, his pieces have only the e7 and f8 squares at their disposal, and the f7 pawn needs to be defended by the king.

26. ♗a6!

This move prevents Black's only possibility of counterplay with a7–a5, after which the g7 bishop would be "resurrected".

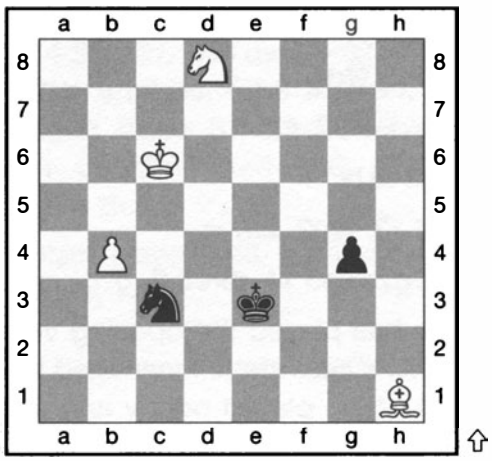
26...♘e7 27. ♔f2 h6 28. ♔g3 ♗f8 29. ♔f4 ♘f5 30. e4 d×e4 31. ♔×e4 ♘g3+ 32. ♔d3 ♗e7 33. d5! e×d5 34. ♔d4 h×g5 35. h×g5 ♘e4 36. ♔×d5 ♘×g5 37. ♘d4!

Centralisation!

37...♘e6 38. ♘b5 ♗d8 39. ♔c6 g5 40. ♘×a7 g4 41. ♗f1 ♘d4+ 42. ♔b7 f5 43. e×f6 ♔f7 44. a4 ♔×f6 45. ♗g2 ♔e5 46. ♗h1 b5 47. a×b5 ♘×b5 48. ♘c6+

48. ♘×b5 ♗e7=.

48...♔f4 49. ♘×d8 ♔e3 50. ♔c6 ♘c3



51. b5?

White misses the win: 51. ♘e6! g3 52. ♘g5 ♔f2 53. ♘e4+ ♔g1 54. ♘×g3 ♔h2 55. ♘e4+– ♘e2 56. ♗f3 ♘d4+ 57. ♔d5 ♘×f3 58. b5+–.

51...♘×b5 52. ♔×b5 g3 53. ♘e6 ♔f2 54. ♘f4 g2!

I had overlooked this neat resource and the game finished in a draw.

Play on both wings

Game 51
Sveshnikov – Portisch
Interzonal, Biel 1993

This game was very important in a competitive sense, since it was played in the penultimate round of the Interzonal and winning it would practically guarantee my qualification for the Candidates.

1. e4 c5 2. c3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. e5 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. ♗e2?!

Better is 6. a3!.

6...c×d4!

6...♘h6?! 7. ♗×h6! g×h6 (7...♕×b2 8. ♗e3!±) 8. ♕d2±.

7. c×d4 ♘h6 8. b3

8. ♘c3 ♘f5 9. ♘a4 ♗b4+ 10. ♗d2 ♕a5= is preferable.

8...♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗b4+ 10. ♔f1□

10. ♘c3 ♘c×d4.

10...♗e7

10...0–0.

11. ♘c3 ♕d8

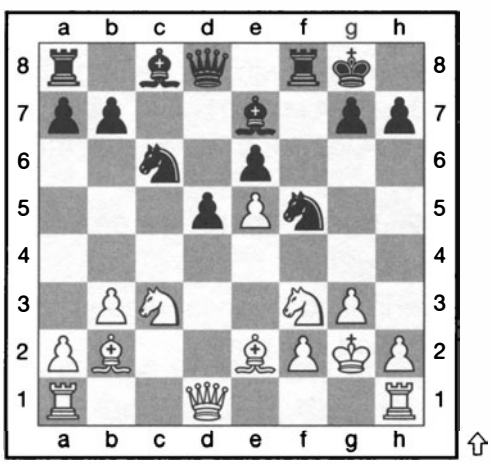
11...♘c×d4? 12. ♘a4.

12. g3 f6!?

12...0–0 13. ♔g2 ♗d7⇄.

13. ♔g2 f×e5 14. d×e5 0–0

Portisch has played the opening very well indeed. At a later stage I managed to win a pawn but then played poorly and failed to convert.



15. ♖c1 ♗d7 16. ♗d3 ♕e8

Here 16...♗e8!∓ is stronger, e.g. 17. ♘e2 ♗h5 18. ♗×f5 ♖×f5 (18...♗×f3+ 19. ♔×f3 ♖×f5+ 20. ♔g2 ♕a5 21. ♘d4 ♘×d4 22. ♗×d4⇄) 19. ♘f4 ♗×f3+ 20. ♕×f3 ♕d7∓.

17. ♘e2 ♕f7 18. ♖f1 ♖ad8 19. a3 g5?!

19...a6 20. b4 b5∓.

20. h3 ♗e8?!

Inconsistent; 20...h5 is better.

21. b4!

Now White is able to finish his development and assume the initiative.

21...a6 22. ♕d2 h6

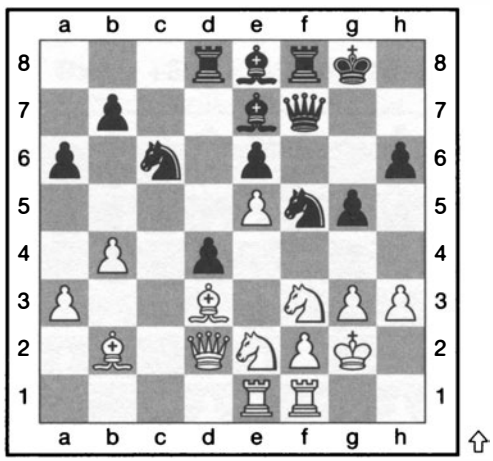
22...♕h5.

23. ♖ce1

23. g4!? ♘d6 24. ♕e3 ♘c4⇄.

23...d4?

After the correct 23...♘d6! 24. ♘ed4 ♘c4 the position offers chances to both sides.



24. ♗e4± d3 25. ♘c1 ♘fd4 26. ♖e3 a5! 27. ♘×d4

27. ♘×d3!? a×b4 28. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 29. a×b4 (29. ♘×b4 ♘f5 30. ♖d3 ♗b5=) 29...♗b5.

27...♘×d4 28. ♖×d3 ♘f5□ 29. ♖×d8 ♗×d8 30. ♗d4?!

30. ♕×d8? ♘e3+!∓; 30. ♘d3! ♗b5 31. ♖c1 and ♘c5±; 30. ♘b3!±.

30...♗b5 31. ♖e1 ♗c7 32. ♗c5 ♖d8 33. ♕c3 b6! 34. ♗e3 a×b4 35. ♕×b4 ♕d7! 36. ♕b3?!

36. ♘b3 ♘×e3+ 37. ♖×e3 ♗×e5 38. a4=.

36...♗c6 37. ♕c4 ♗d5! 38. ♗×d5 ♕×d5+ 39. ♕×d5 ♖×d5∓ 40. f4 ♖a5 41. ♗f2 g×f4 42. g×f4 ♖×a3 43. ♘e2 ♖a2

43...♘e3+ 44. ♗×e3 ♖×e3 45. ♔f2 ♖×h3 46. ♖c1=.

44. ♔f3 ♔f7 45. ♖c1 ♖a3+ 46. ♔g2 ♖a7 47. ♘c3 ♗d8 48. ♖d1 ♖a8 49. ♖d7+ ♔g6 50. ♘e4 b5 51. ♗c5 ♖a2+ 52. ♔f3 ♘h4+ 53. ♔e3 ♘f5+ 54. ♔f3 ♗h4 55. ♖b7 ♖b2 56. ♖b6 ♖b3+ 57. ♔e2 ♘g7 58. ♗f8 ♘h5 59. ♖×e6+ ♔f5 60. ♖×h6 ♘×f4+ 61. ♔d2

Draw.

Play on both wings

Game 52

Sveshnikov – Kiriakov

Russian Championship, Elista 1994

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘ge7 7. ♘a3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♕b6 10. 0–0 ♘a5!?

I think that this is one of Black's most important resources.

11. g4

11. ♘e3 ♘×e3 (11...♘e7 12. b3 ♗b5 13. ♗a3±) 12. f×e3 ♗e7⇄.

11...♘e7

11...♘h6

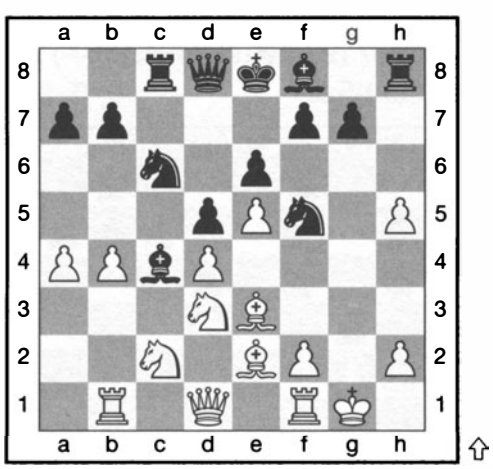
A) 12. b4 ♘c4 (12...♗×b4 13. ♖b1+–) 13. ♗×h6 g×h6 14. ♗×c4 d×c4 15. ♘d2±;

B) 12. ♗×h6 g×h6 13. b4 ♘c6 (13...♘c4±) 14. b5 ♘a5⇄.

12. ♘fe1 ♗b5 13. ♘d3 h5 14. g×h5 ♘f5 15. ♗e3 ♖c8

15...♘c4 16. a4 ♘c×e3 17. f×e3 ♗c4 18. ♘f4 ♗b3 19. ♗b5+ ♔d8 20. ♕e2 ♗×c2 21. a5 ♕c7 22. ♖fc1 ♖c8 23. a6 b6 24. ♗a4±, Sveshnikov – Dolmatov, Naberezhnye Chelny 1988 (Volume 1, page 27).

16. b4 ♘c6 17. a4 ♗c4 18. ♖b1 ♕d8



19. ♘f4 ♗×e2 20. ♕×e2 ♕h4 21. h3 ♗e7 22. ♕g4 ♘×e5 23. d×e5 ♖×c2 24. ♖bc1 ♕×g4+ 25. h×g4 ♘×e3 26. f×e3 ♖×c1 27. ♖×c1 ♔d7 28. ♔f2 b6 29. b5 ♗d8 30. e4 ♗g5 31. ♔f3 d×e4+ 32. ♔×e4 ♖a8 33. ♖f1 ♔e8 34. ♘h3 ♗e7 35. g5 ♖c8 36. ♔d3 ♖d8+ 37. ♔e4 ♖c8 38. ♔d4 ♖d8+ 39. ♔c4 ♖c8+ 40. ♔d3 ♖d8+ 41. ♔e4 ♖c8

Draw. Black played well, equalising the position step by step.

Play on both wings

Game 53

Guido – Foisor

Montecatini Terme 1994

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘ge7 7. ♘a3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♕b6 10. 0–0 ♖c8

10...♗e7.

11. ♗d3!

11. g4.

11...a5

Preparing to capture on d4, which does not work yet: 11...♘f×d4? 12. ♘f×d4 ♘×d4 13. ♗e3 ♗c5 14. b4+–.

11...♘b4 12. ♘×b4±;

11...♗e7 12. g4±.

12. a3 a4 13. ♗×f5 e×f5 14. ♘e3 ♕b5

14...♘e7!? 15. g3!?⇄.

15. b3! a×b3

15...♕×b3 16. ♕×b3 a×b3 17. ♘×d5! (17. ♖b1 ♗e6 18. ♖×b3 ♖c7 19. ♖b5 ♖d7) 17...♗e6 18. ♘b6 ♖d8 19. ♗b2 (19. ♖d1? ♗c5) 19...♘e7 20. ♖fd1 ♘d5 21. ♘×d5 ♗×d5 22. ♖d3 and ♘d2±.

16. ♖b1

16. a4? b2!−+.

16...♗e6?!

16...♘a5! 17. a4 ♕c6 18. ♗d2 f4 19. ♗×a5 f×e3 20. ♕×b3 e2 21. ♖fe1 ♕×a4 22. ♕×a4 ♗×a4 23. ♖×e2=.

17. ♖×b3

17. ♕×b3 ♕×b3 18. ♖×b3 ♖c7.

17...♕a6 18. ♗d2! g5?

18...♗×a3? 19. ♕b1 g6 20. ♘c2! (20. ♖b5!? 0–0 21. ♘×d5 ♗×d5 22. ♖×d5 ♖fd8 23. ♖×d8+ ♖×d8 24. ♗g5 ♖d7 25. ♖d1±) 20...♗e7 21. ♕b2! (threatens ♖a1 with an attack on the queen a6 and pawn b7) 21...0–0 (21...♘d8!? 22. ♘b4 ♕a4 23. ♖a1 ♕d7 24. ♗h6∞) 22. ♖a1 ♕e2 23. ♖e3 ♕c4 24. ♖c3 ♕e2 25. ♕×b7+−;

18...♗e7 19. ♕b1±;

18...g6 19. ♕b1 ♖c7 20. ♖b5 ♖d7 21. ♘c2 followed by ♕b3 and ♖b1±.

19. ♘×g5! ♘×d4 20. ♘×e6! f×e6

20...♘×b3 21. ♘×d5! ♕×e6 22. ♗g5!+− with the threat of ♘c7+.

21. ♕h5+ ♔d7

21...♔d8 22. ♕h4++−.

22. ♕f7+ ♗e7

23. ♘×d5!! ♘e2+

23...♘×b3 24. ♕×e7+ ♔c6 25. ♘b4+.

24. ♔h1 e×d5

24...♘g3+ 25. h×g3 ♕×f1+ 26. ♔h2 e×d5 27. ♖×b7+ ♖c7 28. e6+! ♔c8 29. ♖×c7+ ♔×c7 30. ♕×e7+ ♔b8 31. ♕d6++−.

25. ♗g5! ♖ce8

25...♖he8 26. ♕×d5+ ♔c7 27. ♗×e7 ♖×e7 28. ♖×b7+! ♕×b7 29. ♕d6#;

25...♘g3+ 26. h×g3 ♕×f1+ 27. ♔h2 ♖ce8 28. ♕×d5+ ♔c8 29. ♖×b7+−.

26. ♖fb1

Black resigned.

Play on both wings

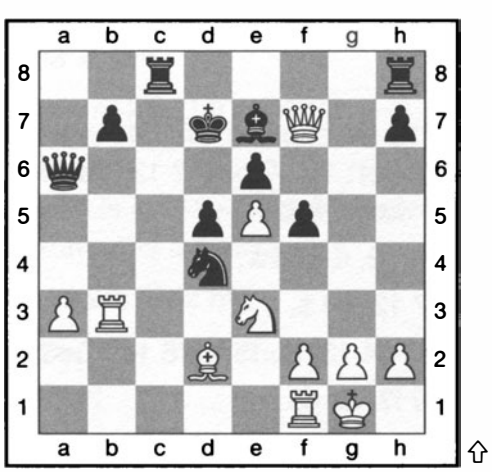
Game 54
Sveshnikov – Matveeva
Capelle la Grande 1995

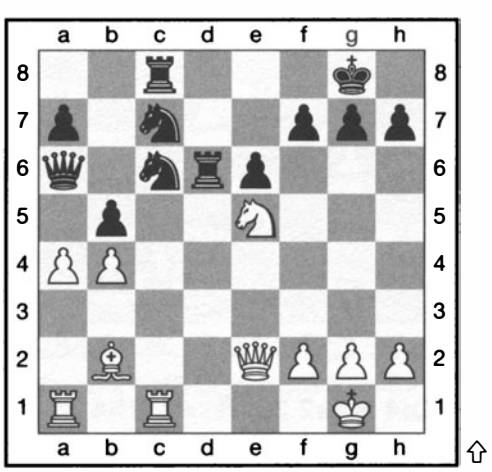
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3 ♗b5 7. c4 ♗×c4 8. ♗×c4 d×c4 9. ♘bd2 ♕a6 10. ♕e2 ♘e7 11. ♘×c4 ♘d5 12. 0–0 ♘c6 13. d×c5 ♗×c5 14. b4 b5

14...♗×b4⇄.

15. ♘d6+ ♗×d6 16. e×d6 ♖d8 17. ♗b2 ♖×d6 18. a4 ♘c7 19. ♖fc1 0–0 20. ♘e5 ♖c8

20...♕b7 21. ♘×c6 ♖×c6 22. ♖×c6 ♕×c6 23. ♖c1 ♕d7 (23...♕d6 24. ♗e5+−) 24. ♕e5 ♘e8 25. a×b5±.





21. ♖×c6!+– ♖×c6 22. ♕f3 f6 23. ♘×c6 ♘d5 24. a×b5

Black resigned.

Play on both wings

Game 55
I. Zaitsev – Naumkin
Moscow 1995

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 ♘a5 8. ♗e2 ♗d7 9. 0–0 ♘e7 10. ♖b1 (Zaitsev) **10...h6**

10...♕c7 11. ♘g5 h6 12. ♘h3 0–0–0 13. ♘f4 ♔b8 14. ♘h5 ♔a8 15. g4 ♘c8 16. f4 ♘b6 17. ♕e1 (I. Zaitsev – Vasyukov, 37th USSR Championship, Moscow 1969);

10...♗b5 11. ♘e1 ♘b3 12. ♘×b3 ♗a4 13. ♗e3 ♗×b3 14. ♕d2 ♘c6 15. g3 ♘a5 16. ♘g2 ♗a4 17. ♗h5± (Sveshnikov – Ivkov, Chigorin Memorial, Sochi 1983);

10...♖c8 11. g3 h6 12. ♘h4 ♗b5 13. ♖a1 ♘b3 14. ♘×b3 ♗a4 15. ♗e3 ♕×b3 16. ♕d2 ♖c6! 17. ♗d1 ♕b5 18. ♗g4± (Sveshnikov – Gofshtein, Rostov on Don 1976; see also Volume 1, Test position 50 on page 142, Solution on page 153).

11. ♕c2!?

11. g3 0–0–0 12. ♘h4 f5 13. e×f6 g×f6 14. ♗g4, I. Zaitsev – Faragó, Szolnok 1975 (Volume 1, game 53 on page 105); 11. ♖e1 !?.

11...0–0–0

11...♘b3 12. ♘×b3 ♗a4 13. ♘fd2 (13. ♗e3 ♗×b3 14. ♕d2±) 13...♗×b3 14. ♘×b3 c×b3 15. ♕d3 ♖c8 16. ♕f3±.

12. b3 c×b3 13. ♘×b3 ♗a4 14. ♘fd2 ♘ec6

14...♕c7!? 15. ♕a2 (15. ♕d3!?±) 15...♘×b3 16. ♘×b3 ♘f5±.

15. ♕a2 ♘×b3

15...♕c7 16. ♘×a5 ♘×a5 17. ♗b2±.

16. ♘×b3 ♕c7 17. ♗e3 ♔b8

17...♘a5?! 18. ♘×a5 ♕×a5 19. c4±; 17...♗e7 18. c4 d×c4 19. ♗×c4±.

18. ♘d2

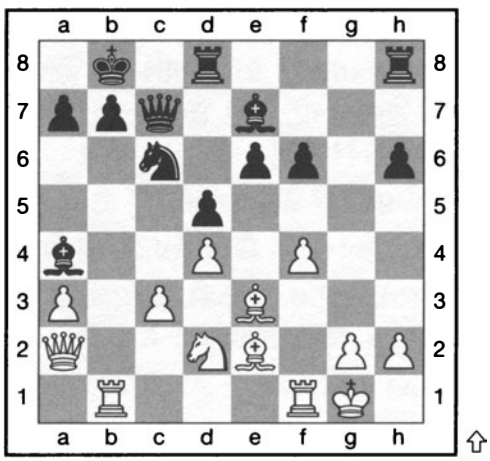
18. ♗a6!? ♗×b3 19. ♕×b3 ♘a5 20. ♕a4 ♔a8 21. ♖b5!+–.

18...f6

18...♘a5 19. c4 d×c4 20. ♘×c4 ♘×c4 21. ♗×c4 ♗c6 22. ♖fc1±.

19. f4 ♗e7 20. e×f6 g×f6?!

20...♗×f6 21. ♘f3 ♖hf8±.



21. c4!± ♔a8

21...d×c4 22. ♕×c4 ♕a5 23. ♗f3 ♔a8 24. ♕×e6±.

22. ♗f3 ♗d6

22...d×c4 23. ♕×c4 ♕a5 24. ♕×e6 ♖he8 25. ♘c4 ♕c7 26. ♕f7±.

23. c×d5 e×d5 24. ♗×d5 ♖he8 25. ♘c4 ♖b8 26. ♖fc1?

26. ♕d2±.

26...♗×f4 27. ♗×f4 ♕×f4⇄ 28. ♔h1?!

28. ♕f2.

28...♖ed8?!

28...♘e7 29. ♘a5 (29. ♗f3 ♗c6) 29...♘×d5 30. ♕×d5 ♖ed8 31. ♕e6 ♕×d4∞; 28...♕×d4!?∓.

29. ♘b2 ♕×d4?!

29...♗b5! 30. a4 ♘b4 31. ♕b3 ♘×d5 32. a×b5 ♖bc8∓.

30. ♗c4⩲ ♘e5

30...b5 31. ♗f1 ♘e5 32. ♘×a4 b×a4 33. g3 a5 34. ♗g2+ ♔a7 35. ♖c7++−.

31. ♘×a4 ♘g4?

31...♘×c4 32. ♕×c4 ♕×c4 33. ♖×c4 b5 34. ♖h4 b×a4 35. ♖×b8+ ♔×b8 36. h3=.

32. h3!±

32. ♖f1 ♕e5 33. g3 ♕e4+ 34. ♔g1 (34. ♕g2 ♕×g2+ 35. ♔×g2 ♘e3+=) 34...♕d4+ (34...♕e3+ 35. ♖f2) 35. ♔h1 ♕e4+=.

32...♘f2+ 33. ♔h2 ♕f4+ 34. g3

34. ♔g1 ♘×h3+ 35. ♔h1 (35. g×h3 ♖d2 36. ♕×d2 ♕×d2 37. ♗f1 ♖g8+ 38. ♔h1 ♕d5+ 39. ♔h2 ♕e5+ 40. ♔h1 ♕e4+− +) 35...♘f2+ 36. ♔g1 ♘h3+=.

34...♘g4+!? 35. h×g4

35. ♔h1! ♕e4+ 36. ♕g2 ♘f2+ 37. ♔h2+−.

35...♖d2+ 36. ♔h3! ♕f2 37. ♕×d2□ ♕×d2 38. ♖d1 ♕a5 39. ♗d5!+− a6

39...♕×a4 40. ♗×b7+ ♖×b7 41. ♖d8+ ♖b8 42. ♖b×b8#.

40. ♘b6+ ♔a7 41. ♘c8+ ♔a8

41...♖×c8 42. ♖×b7+ ♔a8 43. ♖b5++−.

42. ♘b6+ ♔a7 43. ♘d7 b5

43...♖d8 44. ♖×b7+ ♔a8 45. ♘b6++−.

44. ♘×b8 ♔×b8 45. ♖bc1 ♕×a3 46. ♖c6! ♕a4 47. ♖e1 ♕d4 48. ♖e8+ ♔a7 49. ♖e7+ ♔b8 50. ♖d6

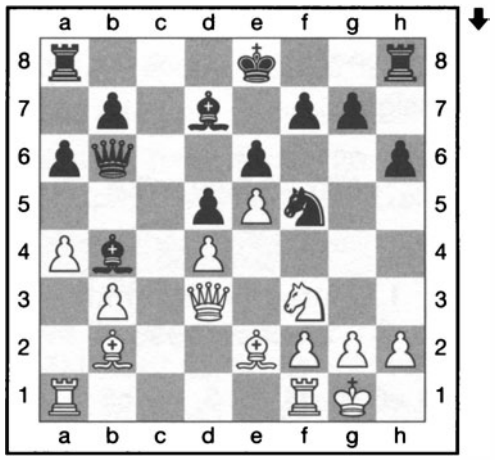
Black resigned.

Play on both wings

Game 56
Sveshnikov – Brumen
Bled Open 2000

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘ge7 7. ♘a3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♘b4 10. 0–0 ♘×c2 11. ♕×c2 ♕b6 12. ♕d3 h6 13. b3 a6 14. a4 ♗b4 15. ♗b2

(see next diagram)



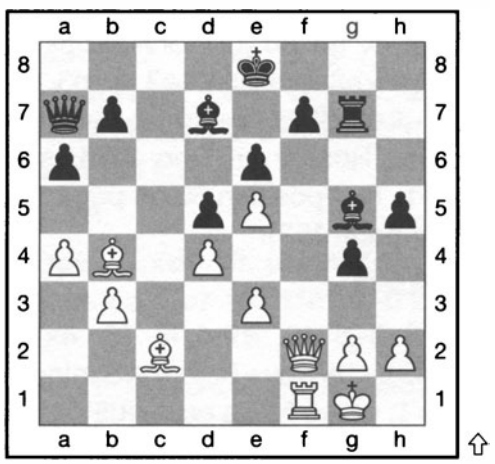
15...g5?!

15...0–0; 15...♖c8.

16. ♖ac1 ♖c8 17. ♖×c8+ ♗×c8 18. ♘e1! ♗d7 19. ♘c2 ♗e7 20. ♘e3 ♕b4 21. ♗d1! ♘×e3 22. ♗c3! ♕b6 23. f×e3 h5 24. ♕d2! g4 25. ♗a5! ♕a7 26. ♗b4 ♗g5 27. ♗c2

27. ♗c5!± b6 28. ♗d6.

27...♖g8 28. ♕f2 ♖g7



29. ♗g6

29. ♗c5! b6 30. ♗d6±.

29...♕b6 30. ♗×f7+ ♔d8 31. ♗d2

31. ♗d6 ♕×b3 32. ♔h1 ♕×e3 33. ♕c2 ♗c6;

31. ♕e1! ♗×e3+ 32. ♕×e3 ♕×b4 33. ♗×h5+−;

31. ♗f8! ♕×b3 32. ♔h1 ♖h7 33. ♗g6 ♖h8 34. ♗g7 ♖g8 35. ♕f7 ♖×g7 36. ♕×g7+−.

31...♗e7! 32. ♗×h5 ♕×b3 33. ♕f4 g3! 34. h×g3 ♕×a4 35. ♖c1 ♕a2 36. ♕f2 ♗b5 37. ♕e1 b6 38. ♗b4 ♗g5 39. ♕c3

♗c4 40. ♗d1 a5 41. ♗a3 ♖f7 42. ♗c2 ♗a6

42...♔c8!∓.

43. ♗g6! ♕f2+ 44. ♔h2 ♗c4 45. ♖c2 ♕f1 46. ♕b2 b5 47. ♖c1 ♕f2 48. ♖c2 ♕f1 49. ♖c1 ♕f2 50. ♖c2

50. ♖×c4!? ♕×b2 51. ♗×b2 ♖f2 (51...d×c4 52. ♗×f7 ♔e7±; 51...♖g7 52. ♖c5 ♖×g6 53. ♖×b5 ♗×e3 54. ♔h3 ♗f2 55. ♖b3±) 52. ♖c2±.

50...♕f1=

Draw, since 51. ♖×c4 ♖f2 loses.

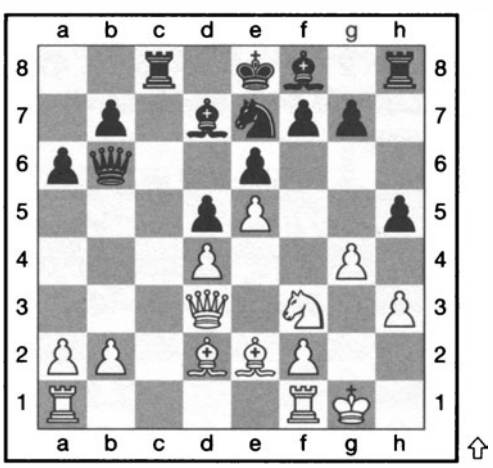
Play on both wings

Game 57

Sveshnikov – Dizdar

Slovenian League, Bled 2002

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘ge7 7. ♘a3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♘b4 10. 0–0 ♘×c2 11. ♕×c2 ♕b6 12. ♕d3 ♖c8 13. g4!? ♘e7 14. ♗d2 h5 15. h3 a6



16. ♖fc1?!

16. a4!? h×g4 17. h×g4 ♘c6 (17...♘g6 18. b4!?) 18. a5 ♕c7!? 19. ♖fc1 ♕d8!? 20. ♔g2 ♘b4! 21. ♖×c8 ♗×c8 22. ♕b3 ♘c6 23. ♗d3 ♗e7 24. ♖c1 ♕c7 25. g5 f5 26. g6±.

16...h×g4 17. h×g4 ♖×c1+ 18. ♗×c1

18. ♖×c1 ♗b5 19. ♕e3 ♗×e2 20. ♕×e2 ♕×b2∓.

18...♗b5 19. ♕c2

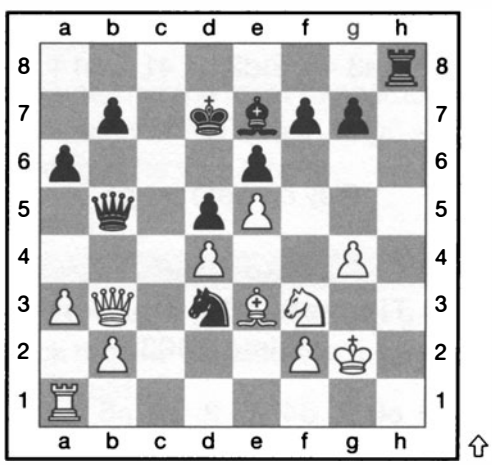
19. ♕b3?? ♗×e2 20. ♕×b6 ♗×f3–+.

19...♗×e2 20. ♕×e2 ♘c6 21. ♗e3 ♗e7 22. ♔g2 ♔d7 23. ♕c2?!

23. ♖c1=.

23...♘b4 24. ♕b3 ♕b5 25. a3 ♘d3

25...♕d3 26. ♕×d3 ♘×d3 27. ♖d1 ♘×b2 28. ♖b1 ♗×a3 29. ♗c1 ♘c4 (29...♘d3 30. ♗×a3 ♘f4+ 31. ♔f1 b5 32. ♖b3±) 30. ♗×a3 ♘×a3 (30...b6!?±) 31. ♖×b7+ ♔c6 32. ♖×f7 a5 33. ♖e7!?.



26. ♕a2

26. ♕×b5+ a×b5 27. b3 ♖c8∓ (27...♖a8 28. ♖d1 ♘b2 29. ♖b1 ♗×a3 30. ♘g5 f6 31. ♘f3 ♘d3 32. ♖d1 ♘b4 33. ♖h1 ⩲) 28. ♔f1 ♖c3 29. b4 ♘b2 30. ♔e2 ♘c4 31. ♗c1 ♖c2+ 32. ♔f1 f6∓.

26...♖c8 27. b3

27. b4 ♕a4 28. ♕d2 ♘×b4 29. ♗g5 f6! (29...♘c2 30. ♖b1 b5 31. ♗×e7 ♔×e7 32. ♕g5+⇄) 30. e×f6 g×f6 31. ♗×f6 ♗×f6 32. ♕×b4 ♕×b4 33. a×b4 ♖c4 34. b5 a×b5 35. ♖d1 b4 36. g5 ♗g7 37. ♔g3 ♔d6 38. g6 ♔e7 39. ♔f4 b3 40. ♘e5 ♖b4–+.

27...♖c3 28. ♖b1 ♕c6 29. ♖d1 ♕b5

29...♖c2? 30. ♕b1 ♕c3 31. ♖d2+–.

30. ♖b1 ♕c6 31. ♖d1 ♘c1 32. ♕b1

32. ♗×c1 ♖×c1 33. ♖d2 (33. ♖×c1 ♕×c1∓) 33...♕b5∓.

32...♘×b3 33. ♕h7 ♕c8

33...♗×a3 34. ♖h1 ♕c8 35. ♕×g7 ♕f8 36. ♕×f8 ♗×f8 37. ♖h7 ♔e8 38. ♘g5 ♖c8 39. ♖×f7 ♗e7 40. ♖g7⇄.

34. a4 ♕f8 35. ♖b1 b5

35...♗b4 36. ♘g1!?=.

36. a×b5 a×b5

36...a5 37. ♘d2 a4 38. ♘×b3 a×b3 39. ♗d2 ♖c2 40. ♕d3±.

37. ♘d2?!

37. ♘g1! g6 38. ♘e2 ♖d3 39. ♘f4 ♖c3 40. ♘e2=.

37...♖×e3□ 38. ♘×b3 ♖c3 39. ♘d2?!∓

39. ♖a1! ♗a3 40. ♘d2 b4 41. ♘b1∓.

Draw.

Play on both wings

Game 58

Timman – Cu. Hansen
Malmö 2003

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4

8. ♗×h6 g×h6 9. c×d4 ♗d7 10. ♗e2 ♖c8 11. 0–0 ♗g7 12. ♕d2 0–0 13. ♖a2 f6 14. b5 ♘a5 15. e×f5 ♖×f6 16. ♘e5 ♗e8 17. ♕e3 ♖f5⇄ (Bosch – Lputian, Wijk aan Zee 1999).

8...♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7

9...♗e7 10. ♗d3 a5 11. ♕a4 0–0 12. b5 ♘h4 (Kiik – Korchnoi, Rilton Cup, Stockholm 2003; Volume 1, page 95) or 12...f6 (Lastin – S. Ivanov, Aeroflot Open, Moscow 2004; Volume 1, game 25 on page 51).

10. g4 ♘h6

10...♘fe7!? 11. ♘c3 ♘a5 12. ♘d2 (12. ♕c2, Sveshnikov – Radjabov, Tallinn 2004, game 61 on page 53) 12...♖c8 13. ♖c1 ♘g6 14. h4 ♗e7 15. g5 h6 16. g×h6 ♖×h6 17. h5 ♘h4 18. ♕g4 ♘f5 19. ♗d3±, Grischuk – Radjabov, Wijk aan Zee 2003.

11. h3

11. ♖g1! f6 12. e×f6 g×f6 13. ♘c3 ♘f7 14. ♘a4! (14. ♖c1 ♗h6 15. ♖c2 ♘e7 16. h4 ♗f4 17. ♗d3 h6 18. ♖e2 ♕c7 19. ♕b3 ♘d6⇄, Lautier – Bauer, French Championship, Val d'Isère 2002) 14...♕d8 15. ♘c5± b6 16. ♘×d7 ♕×d7 17. ♖c1, Vasyukov – Bukhman, St. Petersburg 1994.

11...♗e7

11...f6 12. ♗d3 ♘f7 13. ♘bd2 (13. 0–0 ♖c8 14. ♘bd2 a5 15. b5 ♘e7 16. a4 ♘g6 17. ♗×g6 h×g6 18. ♔g2 g5∞, Belkhodja – Morovic Fernandez, 35th Olympiad, Bled 2002) 13...f×e5 14. d×e5 ♗e7 15. ♖c1 ♘g5 16. h4 ♘×f3+ 17. ♕×f3 ♘d4 18. ♕e3 ♘b5 19. ♘f3 ♕×e3+ 20. f×e3 a5 21. ♗×b5 ♗×b5 22. ♘d4 ♗d7 23. b5 ♗d8 24. a4±, Sveshnikov – Lputian, Tilburg 1992;

11...♖c8 12. ♘c3 ♘a5 13. ♘a4 ♕c6 14. ♖c1 ♘c4 15. ♖×c4!? d×c4 16. ♘c3 ♕b6 17. ♗g2 a5 18. b5 ♗×b5 19. d5 ♗c5 20. 0–0 ♖d8 21. d6 ♗c6 22. ♕e2⩲, Shirov – Sadvakasov, Astana 2001.

12. ♗d3

12. ♘c3!? 0–0 13. ♘a4 ♕d8 14. ♘c5 ♖b8 15. ♗d3 ♗e8 16. ♕b1 g6 17. ♕c1↑, Hába – Koutsin, Wattens 1999.

12...♖c8 13. ♘bd2

13. ♕d2 ♘g8 14. 0–0 f6 15. ♖e1 f×e5 16. d×e5 ♘h6 17. ♘d4 ♘f7 18. ♘×c6 ♗×c6=, Merenkov – Podlesny, Moravia 1996.

13...♘b8

A typical 'French' idea: Black prepares to exchange light-squared bishops on b5. Timman hinders this.

14. ♕e2 a6

Renewing the threat.

15. ♘b1!?

A purely prophylactic move: if Black insists on exchanging bishops, White will exchange on b5 and then the knight will come to c3 to attack the doubled pawn, which cannot be defended.

15. ♘b3±.

15...♘c6

15...♗b5 16. ♗×b5+ a×b5 17. ♘c3 ♖c4 18. ♘d2!? ♕×d4 (18...♖×d4? 19. ♕e3 ♘d7 20. ♘×b5+–) 19. ♘×c4 b×c4 20. ♘b5±.

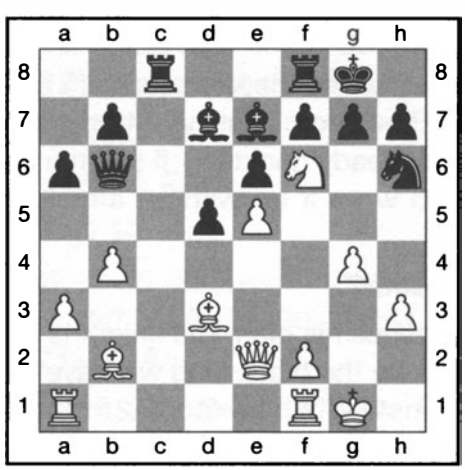
16. 0–0 0–0 17. ♘c3

The knight heads for c5. Black cannot reply with ♘a5 since the b2 bishop is protected by the queen.

17...♘×d4?

Black underestimates White's attacking chances. It was better to withdraw the queen to d8 and then prepare the f7–f6 break.

18. ♘×d4 ♕×d4 19. ♘e4 ♕b6 20. ♘f6+!



20...♗×f6

20...g×f6 21. e×f6 ♗d6 22. ♕d2+–.

21. e×f6 ♗b5

Here 21...e5!? would have been more stubborn: 22. ♕×e5 (22. ♗×e5!?) 22...♕×f6 23. ♕×f6 g×f6 24. ♗×f6±.

22. ♗×b5 ♕×b5 23. ♕e3+–

Black can no longer defend the dark squares, and his h6 knight is completely useless.

23...d4 24. ♗×d4 ♖fd8 25. ♖fd1?!

After 25. f×g7 e5 26. ♗b2 ♖c6 Black would still have had some defensive chances. In my opinion the most precise course was 25. a4! ♕d5 26. ♗b6 ♖d7 27. ♖ad1 ♕×d1 28. ♕g5+–.

25...♖d5

Black has parried the most dangerous threat – the incursion of the queen to g5 – and at the same time he sets a trap.

26. ♗b2!

After 26. f×g7 Black had the surprising riposte 26...♘×g4! (Notkin) 27. h×g4 ♕d7!, and Black regains the piece, e.g. 28. ♖d2 e5 29. ♗c3 ♖×c3!.

26...♖g5 27. ♖ac1 ♖e8 28. ♕f4

28. ♖d3!?±.

28...♖g6 29. ♖c5 ♕e2 30. ♖d2 ♕e1+ 31. ♔h2 ♕f1

The threat was 32. ♖c1 trapping the queen, and if 31...e5 White could win with 32. ♖×e5 ♖×e5 33. ♗×e5 g×f6 34. ♖d8+ ♔g7 35. ♗d4 ♕e7 36. ♕d6+–.

32. ♖h5?!

32. f×g7 f5!? 33. g5 ♘f7 34. h4 h6 35. ♖c1 ♕b5 36. ♗f6+–.

32...♘f5?!

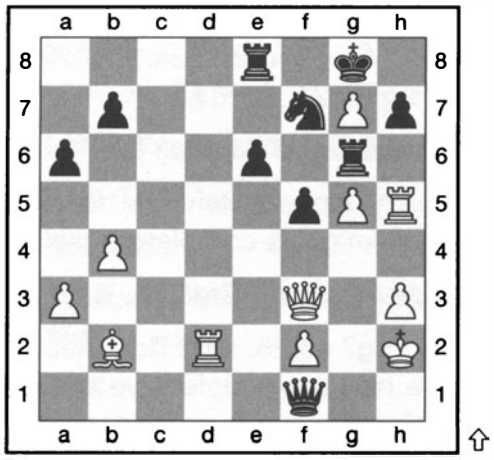
32...♕b1! (Psakhis) 33. f×g7 ♘f5±.

33. ♕f3 ♘h6

33...♕b1 34. ♕e2 with the threat of ♖d1.

34. f×g7 f5 35. g5 ♘f7

(see next diagram)



36. ♗f6

Here 36. ♖×h7! would have finished matters: 36...♔×h7 37. ♕h5+ ♘h6 38. g8♕+ ♖e×g8 39. ♖d7+.

36...♘×g5 37. ♗×g5 h6 38. ♖d1 ♕b5 39. ♗×h6 ♕e5+ 40. ♔h1 ♕f6 41. ♗e3

Black resigned.

Play on both wings

Game 59

Sveshnikov – Dvoiris

Cheliabinsk 2004

1. e4 c5 2. c3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. e5

Semion had certainly not expected that a Sicilian would turn into an Advance French!

4...♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7

Another possibility is 9...♗e7.

10. g4 ♘h6?!

Dvoiris is again unlucky! In 1993 I played a thematic match against Lputian to investigate this position, so I was very familiar with the ideas. At the moment theory considers 10...♘fe7 to be the best continuation.

11. ♖g1! f6 12. e×f6 g×f6 13. ♘c3 ♘f7 14. ♘a4 ♕c7 15. ♖c1! ♕d6

After lengthy reflection, Semion Isaakovich comes up with a new move. The stem game of this variation was Short – Lputian, Batumi 1999 (Volume 1, game 52 on page 103), in which 15...♕f4 was played. Although Smbat managed to draw the game, the variation is considered dubious for Black. Dvoiris's new move does nothing to change this assessment.

16. ♘c5 ♗c8

16...♕f4 17. ♘×b7 ♘g5 18. ♘×g5 f×g5 19. ♖g3±.

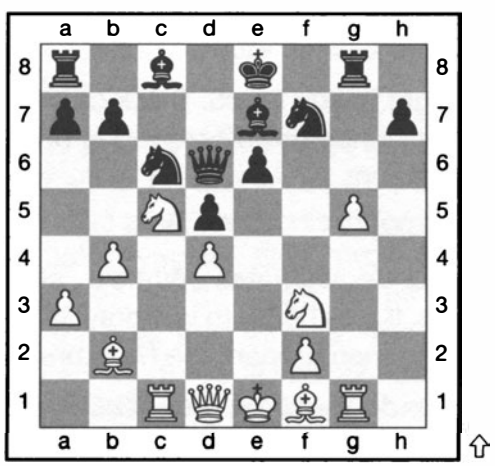
17. h4 ♗e7

White is better. If 17...e5, then 18. d×e5 f×e5 19. g5 with an attack.

18. g5 f×g5?!

This weakens the e5 square even more.

19. h×g5 (19. ♘×g5±) **19...♖g8**



White has seized the key square e5 and prevented Black from castling. Strategically the game is already decided – it just remains for White to wrap it up with an attack on the king.

20. ♘d3!?

White refines his plan: the knight is headed for e5. Now the black king will have no safe haven. Instead 20. b5 ♘cd8 21. ♗d3± was also good.

20...♗d8

20...♕d8 21. ♘fe5 ♘f×e5 22. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 23. d×e5 ♖×g5 24. ♖×g5 ♗×g5 25. ♕h5+ ♔f8 26. ♖c3+–.

21. ♘de5 ♖g7 22. ♗d3+–

22. ♗b5±; 22. ♘×f7±.

22...♘c×e5 23. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 24. d×e5 ♕e7 25. ♕h5+ ♔f8 26. g6 h×g6 27. ♗×g6 ♗d7 28. ♖c3 ♔g8 29. ♖h3

Black resigned.

Play on both wings

Game 60

Sveshnikov – Golovanov
Cheliabinsk 2004

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 ♘a5 8. g3 ♗d7 9. h4 ♘e7?!

9...h5! 10. ♗h3 ♘h6!⇄.

10. ♗h3± ♕c7 11. 0–0 ♘c8 12. ♘e1

12. h5±.

12...h5?! 13. ♖b1 ♘b6 14. ♘df3 0–0–0 15. ♗g5 ♖e8 16. ♘g2 ♗a4 17. ♕e2 ♘d7 18. ♘e3 ♔b8 19. ♗f4 ♘c6 20. ♖be1 ♘b6 21. ♘g5 ♘d8 22. ♘g2 ♗e7 23. ♘f3 ♘c8 24. ♗g5 ♗f8 25. ♘f4

25. ♗×d8 ♖×d8 26. ♘g5 ♗e8±.

25...♕b6 26. ♘h2

26. ♗×d8!? ♖×d8 27. ♘g5 ♗e8 28. ♘×h5 f6 (28...♗e7 29. ♗g4 ♗×g5 30. h×g5 ♗a4 30. ♔g2±) 29. ♘×f6! g×f6 30. e×f6±.

26...g6 27. ♘f3

27. ♗f6 ♖g8 28. ♘f3±.

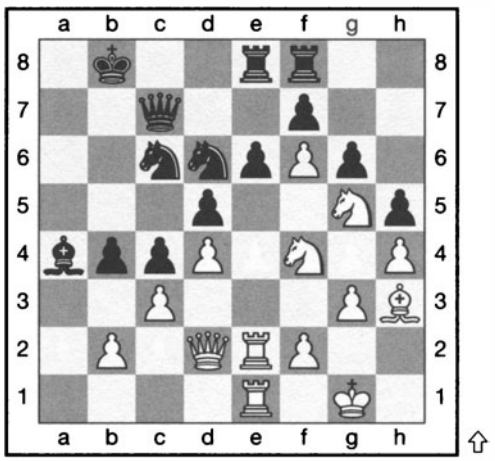
27...♗g7 28. ♕d2

28. ♗f6 ♗×f6 29. e×f6 ♘d6 30. ♘g5 (30. ♘e5 ♕c7 31. ♗g2±) 30...♘c6 (30...♕c7 31. ♕d2±) 31. ♗×e6±.

28...♘c6 29. ♖e2 ♕c7 30. ♘g2 b5 31. ♖fe1 a5 32. ♗f6 ♗×f6 33. e×f6± ♘d6 34. ♘g5 b4 35. a×b4 a×b4 36. ♘f4 ♖hf8?!

(see next diagram)

36...♗b5 37. ♗×e6 f×e6 38. ♘f×e6+–.



37. ♗×e6 f×e6 38. ♘f×e6 ♕d7 39. ♘c5+– ♕a7?!

39...♕f5 40. ♘×a4 ♖×e2 41. ♕×e2 ♖×f6 42. ♘c5±.

40. ♕f4 ♖d8 41. ♖e6

Black resigned.

Attack on the king

Game 61

Sveshnikov – Radjabov
Tallinn (Rapidplay) 2004

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7

9...♗e7!?.

10. g4 ♘fe7 11. ♘c3 ♘a5 12. ♕c2!? ♘c4 13. ♗×c4 d×c4 14. ♘d2 ♕c6

14...♕×d4? 15. ♘ce4+–.

15. ♘ce4 c3!?

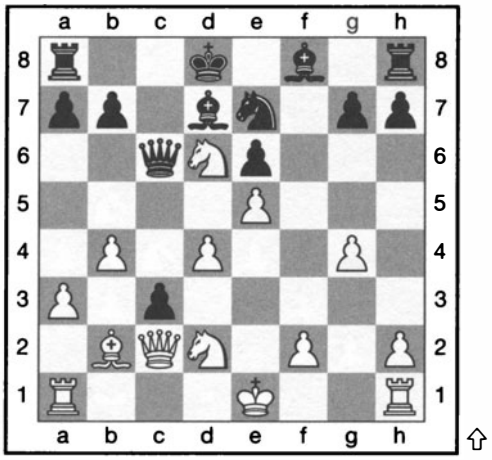
15...♘d5 16. ♘×c4 ♘b6 17. ♘cd6+ ♗×d6 18. ♘×d6+ ♔e7 19. ♕×c6 ♗×c6 20. 0–0± (20. ♖g1 ♘c8=, Sveshnikov – Potkin, Russian Championship, Krasnoyarsk 2003; Volume 1, page 95).

16. ♘d6+

16. ♕×c3 ♘d5 17. ♕×c6 ♗×c6 18. ♖g1 (18. f3 ♘f4⩲) 18...♖d8⩲ (18...h5!? 19. g5 ♘f4 20. ♖g3 h4 21. ♖f3 ♘g2+ 22. ♔f1 h3∞).

16...♔d8 17. ♘×f7+ ♔e8 18. ♘d6+ ♔d8

(see next diagram)



19. ♘f7+

19. ♘2e4!? c×b2 20. ♕×b2⩲ ♘g6 21. ♖c1 ♗×d6 22. ♖×c6 ♗×c6 23. ♘×d6 (23. e×d6 ♗×e4 24. 0–0 ♖c8 25. d5 e5±) 23...♗×h1 24. ♘f7+ ♔d7 25. ♘×h8 ♖×h8 26. ♕b3 b5 27. a4 a6±;

19. ♕×c3 ♕×h1+ 20. ♔e2 ♕g2 21. ♘f7+ ♔e8 22. ♘d6+ ♔d8 23. ♘f7+=.

19...♔e8 20. ♘d6+ ♔d8

Draw.

Chapter 2

Encyclopaedia

Table 1

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	...	♘f3[1]	c4[2]	♘c3	c×d5[5]	♗c4	b×c3	0–0	
	♘e7	b6	♗b7[3]	♘bc6[4]	♘×d5	♘×c3[6]	♗e7	0–0[7]	⇄
2	...	♘f3!?[8]	♗g5![9]	c4	♗e3	♗×c4	♘c3	0–0	
	♗d7	a6	♕c8?[10]	h6[11]	d×c4	♘e7	♗c6	♕d7[12]	±
3	...	c3[13]	♘f3[14]	a4	♘a3	♗×a6	0–0 [18]	♕d3	
	b6	♕d7	a5[15]	♘e7[16]	♗a6[17]	♘×a6	c6[19]	♘c7[20]	±
4	...	d×c5	♘f3[22]	♗d3	0–0[24]	♖e1	c3	♘a3	
	c5	♘c6[21]	♗×c5	♘ge7[23]	♘g6	♗d7	♗b6[25]	a6[26]	⇄
5	...	♕g4?!	♘f3	♗d3	0–0	♖e1	c3[30]	♘×c3	
	...	c×d4![27]	♘c6	♘ge7![28]	♘g6	♗e7[29]	d×c3[31]	♗d7![32]	∓
6	...	♘f3!?	♗d3!?[34]	0–0	♗f4[36]	♗g3	♘bd2[38]	e×f6[40]	
	...	♘c6[33]	c×d4	♘ge7[35]	♘g6	♗e7[37]	f5[39]	g×f6[41]	⇄
7	...	c3	♘f3[43]	♗e2[44]	c4!?[46]	♗×c4	♘bd2	a3[49]	
	...	♕b6[42]	♗d7	♗b5[45]	♗×c4[47]	♕b4+[48]	d×c4	♕b5[50]	⇄

Note: the author has included many games in the encyclopaedia tables more than once, to take account of possible transpositions.

1 4. c3 b6 5. ♘d2 ♕d7 6. ♘df3 c5 7. ♘h3 ♗a6 8. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 9. ♕e2 ♘c7 10. ♘f4 ♕b5! 11. ♕×b5+ ♘×b5 12. a4 ♘c7 13. a5 ♘c6 14. a×b6 a×b6 15. ♖×a8+ ♘×a8 16. ♗e3 c4!= Hennings – Bednarski, Polanica Zdrój 1969.

2 **5. c3** ♕d7 See 3...b6;

5. b4!? ♘f5 6. c3 c5 (6...a5 7. b5±) 7. a3 ♗e7 8. ♗d3 (8. g4 ♘h4 9. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 10. ♗e3 0–0!?⇄) 8...c4 9. ♗c2 ♘d7 10. h4 h5 11. ♗g5 f6?! (⌓ 11...♘f8±) 12. ♗f4?! (⌓ 12. e×f6 g×f6 13. ♗×f5 e×f5 14. ♗f4±) 12...♘f8 13. ♘bd2 ♘g6 14. ♗h2 ♔f7⇄ Vysochin – Alekseev, Kiev 1999.

3 5...d×c4 6. ♗×c4 ♗b7 7. ♘c3 ♘bc6 8. 0–0 ♕d7 9. ♕e2 ♘b4 10. a3 ♘bd5 11. ♗a6 ♗c6 12. ♗e3 ♘f5 13. ♖ac1 ♗e7 14. ♘×d5 ♗×d5 15. g4 ♘h6 16. ♘d2 ♘g8 17. ♘b1!?± I. Zaitsev – Lupu, Bucharest 1993.

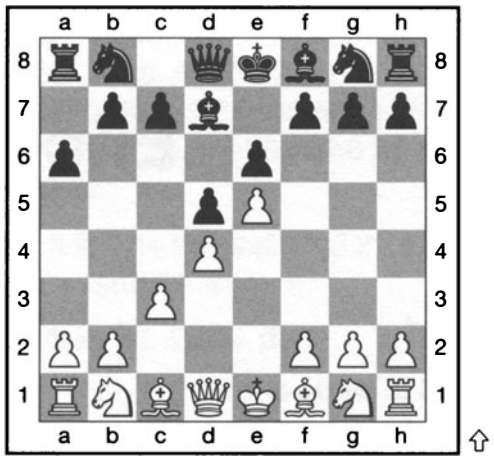
4 6...♕d7 7. c×d5 ♘×d5 8. ♗d3 c5 9. 0–0 ♘×c3 10. b×c3 c×d4 11. ♘×d4 ♘c6 12. ♖b1 ♗c5 13. ♗e3 0–0–0?! 14. ♗b5 ♗×d4 15. ♗×d4 ♕d5 16. ♗×c6 ♗×c6 17. f3 h5 18. a4↑ Kupreichik – Vaganian, USSR 1980.

5 7. a3 ♕d7 8. ♗e3 d×c4 9. ♗×c4 ♘a5 10. ♗b5 ♗c6 11. ♗d3 ♘d5 12. ♘e4 ♗b5 13. 0–0 ♗e7 14. ♖e1± Krason – Dobosz, Poland 1980.

6 8...♗b4.

7 11. ♗d3 ♘a5 12. ♕e2 (12. ♗e3 c5 13. ♘d2 c×d4 14. c×d4 ♘c6 15. ♗e4±; 12. ♕c2!? h6 13. ♖d1!? ♗×f3 14. g×f3±) 12...a6 13. ♗f4 ♗d5 14. ♖fe1 (14. ♗×a6 ♖×a6 15. ♕×a6 ♗c4 16. ♕a7 ♕d7∞; 14. c4!? ♗×f3 15. ♕×f3 ♕×d4 16. ♖ad1 ♕c5 17. ♕e4 g6 18. ♗h6 ♖fd8 19. ♖fe1⩲; 14. a4 ♕d7 15. ♕c2! h6 16. ♘d2 c5 17. c4 ♗b7 18. d×c5 ♗×c5 19. ♖fd1±) 14...b5 15. ♘d2 c5 16. ♕g4 g6 17. ♘e4 [⌓ 17. ♗h6 ♖e8 18. d×c5! ♕c7 (18...♗×g2?! 19. ♗e4! ♗×e4 20. ♘×e4±) 19. a4±] 17...c×d4 18. c×d4 ♘c6⇄ Kupreichik – Petrosian, Moscow 1979.

8 4. c3 a6



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b) 5. ♗d3!? c5 [5...♗b5 6. ♗c2 a5 7. ♘e2± (7. a4 ♗a6 8. ♘e2 c5 9. ♘d2 ♘c6 10. ♘f3 ♕b6!⇄) 7...c5 8. d×c5 ♕c7 9. ♘a3 ♗a6 10. ♗a4+ ♘d7 11. ♗e3 ♘e7 12. ♗×d7+ ♕×d7 13. ♘d4±] 6. ♘f3 c×d4 7. c×d4 ♗b5 8. ♗×b5+ a×b5 9. 0–0±;

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9 **5. c4** d×c4 6. ♗×c4 ♗c6 7. 0–0 ♘e7 8. ♘c3 h6 9. ♕e2 ♘d7 10. ♖d1± Lau – Benjamin, New York 1985;

5. ♘c3 ♗b4 6. ♗e2 ♘e7 7. 0–0 c5 8. a3 ♗×c3 9. b×c3 ♗a4 10. d×c5 ♘bc6 11. ♖b1 ♕c7 12. ♗f4 0–0 13. ♗d3± Prié – Bauer, French Championship, Nantes 1993;

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12 11. ♖c1! ♗×f3 (11...a5? 12. d5 e×d5 13. ♗d3!! +– Bronstein–Kärner, Tallinn 1981) 12. ♕×f3 c6 13. ♘e4±.

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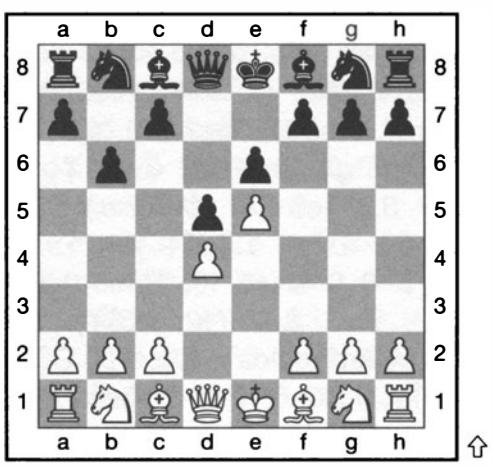

a) 4. ♗b5+ c6 (4...♗d7?! 5. ♗d3 c5 6. c3 ♘c6 7. ♘f3 f6 8. 0–0 f×e5 9. d×e5 ♕c7 10. ♖e1 ♘h6 11. c4! d4 12. ♘a3± Anand–Rogers, Interzonal, Manila 1990) 5. ♗a4 (5. ♗d3 ♗a6 6. ♘f3 ♗×d3 7. ♕×d3±) 5...b5 (5...a5 6. c3 ♗a6 7. ♘e2 ♘e7 8. 0–0 ♘d7 9. ♖e1 ♖c8 10. ♘g3± Erenburg–Deutsch, Tel Aviv 2002) 6. ♗b3 c5 7. c3 ♘e7 8. ♘f3 ♘ec6 9. 0–0 h6 10. ♗e3 ♘d7 11. ♘bd2 c4 12. ♗c2 b4⇄ Shabalov–Seirawan, US Championship, Chandler 1997;

b) 4. ♘h3!? ♗a6 5. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 6. 0–0 ♕d7 7. ♗e3 ♘e7 8. a4 ♘b8 9. a5 ♘bc6 10. a×b6 c×b6 11. c3 ♘a5 12. ♘a3± Velimirović–Marić, Yugoslavia 1966;

c) 4. ♘f3 ♘e7!? [4...♕d7 5. c4!? ♘e7 (5...♗b4+!? 6. ♘c3 ♘e7 7. a3 ♗×c3+ 8. b×c3 ♗a6 9. c×d5 ♕×d5 10. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 11. 0–0 ♘b8= Kupreichik–Vaganian, Berlin 1991) 6. ♘c3 ♗b7 7. ♗e2 (7. ♗e3! h6 8. ♖c1 ♘bc6 9. a3± Volkov–Vaganian, Aeroflot Open, Moscow 2005) ♘bc6 8. 0–0 d×c4 9. ♗×c4 ♘a5 10. ♗b5 ♗c6 11. ♗d3 ♘d5 12. ♗d2± Sax–Short, London 1980] 5. ♘c3 ♗a6 6. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 7. 0–0 ♕d7 8. ♘e2 (8. ♕e2 ♘b8 9. a4 ♘bc6 10. ♖d1±) 8...♘b8 (8...c5 9. d×c5 b×c5 10. ♘g3 ♕b5 11. b3 h6 12. c4! ♕b7 13. ♕e2± Svidler–Rustemov, German League 2003/04) 9. ♘g3 ♘bc6 10. b3 0–0–0 11. ♗b2 ♔b7 12. c4 ♘f5 13. ♕e2 ♗e7 14. ♖ad1 g5⇄ Ulibin–Rustemov, Tomsk 2004; 4. f4?!;

d) 4. c4!? d×c4 5. ♗×c4 ♗b7 6. ♘f3 ♘e7 7. ♘c3 ♕d7 8. 0–0 h6 9. ♕e2 ♘bc6 10. a3 ♘a5 11. ♗a2 ♘d5 12. ♗d2± I. Zaitsev–Kärner, Sochi 1977;

e) 4. f4?!.

14 a) 5. a4 a5 (5...♗a6 6. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 7. ♕d3 ♕c8 8. b4 ♘e7 9. b5 ♘b8 10. ♘d2 a6 11. ♖b1 a×b5 12. a×b5 c6⇄ Ye Jiangchuan–Ivanchuk, FIDE World Championship, Moscow 2001) 6. ♘d2 (6. ♘f3±; 6. f4?! ♘e7 7. ♘d2 h5 8. ♘df3 ♗a6 9. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 10. ♗e3 ♘f5 11. ♗f2 ♗e7= Kupreichik–Korchnoi, Sochi 1970) 6...♘e7 7. ♘df3 c5 8. ♗d3 ♗a6 9. ♘e2 ♗×d3 10. ♕×d3 ♘bc6 11. 0–0 c×d4 12. ♘e×d4 ♘×d4 13. ♘×d4 ♘c6 14. ♘b5 ♗c5⇄ Ehlvest–Vaganian, 34th Olympiad, Istanbul 2000;

b) 5. h4 ♗a6 6. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 7. h5 c5 8. ♘e2 f6 9. ♗f4 ♘e7 10. ♘d2 ♘c6 11. ♘f3 ♖c8 12. 0–0 ♘ab8 13. ♖e1± Movsesian–Tibenský, Kaskády 2002;

c) 5. ♗e3 ♘e7 6. f4 h5 7. ♘d2 ♘f5 8. ♗f2 ♗a6 9. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 10. ♘e2 g6 11. ♘f3 ♗e7

12. ♕d3 ♘b8 13. 0–0 c5 14. c4± Kupreichik–Vaganian, 44th USSR Championship, Moscow 1976.

15 **5...♘e7** 6. h4 c5 7. h5 h6 8. b3?! ♗a6 9. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 10. ♕e2 ♘c7 11. d×c5 b×c5 12. c4 ♘c6 13. ♖h4?! d4 14. ♘bd2 0–0–0⇄ Schmitt–Short, Montpellier 2004; **5...c5** 6. a4 (6. h4!? ♗a6 7. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 8. ♕e2 ♘c7 9. h5 ♘h6?! 10. ♗g5 ♘f5 11. g4± Blatný–Gonzalez Rodriguez, Bern 1995) 6...♗a6 7. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 8. ♕e2 ♘c7 9. a5±.

16 6...h5 7. ♘a3 ♗×a3 8. ♖×a3 ♘e7 9. g3 ♗a6 10. h3 c5 11. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 12. ♔f1 c×d4 13. c×d4 0–0–0 14. ♔g2 ♔b7 15. ♖c3 ♖c8 16. ♘g5± Dvoiris–Vaganian, Istanbul 2003.

17 7...h5 8. ♘c2 ♗a6 9. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 10. 0–0 ♘f5 11. ♗g5 c5 12. ♘e3 ♘×e3 13. f×e3 b5 14. ♘h4 b4 15. ♘g6! f×g6 16. ♕d3→ Hába–Mészáros, Kecskemét 1993.

18 9. h4!?.

19 ⌓ 9...♘b8.

20 11. ♘c2 (11. b3 c5 12. c4) 11...c5 12. h4! c4? (⌓ 12...♘c6 13. h5 h6±) 13. ♕e2 h5 14. ♗g5± Sveshnikov–Vaganian, Moscow 1985.

21 4...♗×c5 5. ♕g4 (5. ♗d3 ♕b6 6. ♕e2 ♘c6 7. ♘f3 f6 8. 0–0 f×e5 9. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 10. ♕×e5 ♘f6 11. ♘c3 0–0⇄ Bronstein–Korchnoi, Herceg-Novi 1970) 5...♘e7 (5...♔f8 6. ♘f3 ♘e7 7. ♗d3 ♘bc6 8. 0–0 ♘g6 9. ♕g3 ♕c7 10. ♖e1 a6 11. c3± Karlovich–Alvarez Vila, Oropesa del Mar 2000) 6. b4 (6. ♕×g7 ♘g6∞) 6...♗b6 7. ♕×g7± (Keres) 7...♖g8 8. ♕×h7 ♕c7 9. ♘f3 ♘bc6 10. ♗f4 ♘d4 11. c3 ♘×f3+ 12. g×f3 ♗d7 13. a4 a5 14. b5 d4 15. c4±.

22 5. ♗f4?! ♗×c5 6. ♗d3 ♕b6! [6...♘ge7?! 7. ♘f3 ♘g6 8. ♗g3 0–0 9. 0–0 f5 10. e×f6 ♕×f6 11. c4!? ♕×b2 12. ♗×g6! (12...♕×a1? 13. ♗×h7+ ♔×h7 14. ♕c2+ ♔g8 (14...g6 15. ♘g5+ ♔g7 16. ♘c3±) 15. ♘c3±) 12...h×g6 13. c×d5!∞ Velimirović–Kholmov, Yugoslavia–USSR, Odessa 1975] 7. ♗g3 ♕×b2 8. ♘d2 ♘×e5∓.

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a) 6...f5!? 7. c3 [7. 0–0 ♘ge7 8. c3 0–0 9. b4 ♗b6 10. b5 ♘a5 11. ♘bd2 ♗d7 12. ♗a3 ♖c8 13. ♖c1 ♗c5 14. ♗b4⇄ (Keres–van Doesburgh, Unofficial Olympiad, Munich 1936) 14...♘g6! 15. ♕a4 b6∞] 7...a6 8. ♘bd2 ♘ge7 9. ♘b3 ♗a7 10. 0–0 0–0 11. ♖e1 ♘g6⇄ Tarrasch–Lasker, St. Petersburg 1914;

b) 6...♕c7 7. ♗f4 ♘ge7 8. ♕e2 ♘g6 9. ♗g3 a6 10. c3 b5 (10...♗d7 11. ♘bd2 0–0 12. h4 h6⇄) 11. ♘bd2 ♗b7 12. h4± Hankipohja–Sorri, Finland 1967;

c) 6...f6 7. ♕e2 (7. ♗f4? f×e5 8. ♘×e5 ♕f6–+) 7...f×e5 [7...♕c7!? 8. ♗b5 (8. ♗f4 g5! 9. ♗g3 g4 10. ♘fd2 ♘×e5∓; 8. e×f6 ♘×f6∓) 8...f×e5 (8...♔f7!?⇄) 9. ♕×e5 ♕×e5+ 10. ♘×e5 ♘ge7∓] 8. ♘×e5 ♘f6 9. ♗f4 [9. 0–0 ♘×e5 10. ♕×e5 0–0 11. c4 ♕b6 12. ♕e2 ♗d7 (12...e5!∓) 13. ♘d2 ♖ac8⇄ Makropoulos–Hug, 21st Olympiad, Nice 1974] 9...0–0 10. 0–0 ♘e4 (10...♕e8! △ ♘h5= Glek) 11. ♘×c6 b×c6 12. ♗e3 ♗×e3 13. ♕×e3⇄ Becker–Maróczy, Carlsbad 1929.

24 7. ♗f4 ♕b6 (7...♘g6 8. ♗g3 f5 9. e×f6 ♕×f6 10. ♗×g6+ ♕×g6 11. 0–0 0–0= Polugaevsky–Antoshin, Tbilisi 1956) 8. 0–0 ♕×b2 9. ♘bd2 ♕b6 (⌓ 9...♘g6! 10. ♖b1 ♕a3 11. ♗g3 0–0∓) 10. ♘b3 (10. c4!? h6 11. ♕c1 ♘b4 12. ♗e2 ♗d7 13. a3 ♘a6 14. ♖b1↑ Keres–Alexandrescu, Unofficial Olympiad, Munich 1936) 10...♘g6 11. ♗g3 ♗e7 12. h4⩲ Nimzowitsch–Spielmann, San Sebastian 1912.

25 9...a5 10. a4 ♕b8?! (10...♕b6!?) 11. ♕e2 ♗b6 12. ♘a3 0–0 13. ♘b5± ♘a7?! 14. ♗e3 ♗×e3 15. ♕×e3 ♘×b5 16. a×b5 b6 17. ♘d4 f5 18. f4± Steinitz – Showalter, Vienna 1898.

26 11. ♘c2 ♗c7 12. ♗×g6 h×g6 (12...f×g6!?) 13. ♗f4 ♕e7 14. ♘cd4 ♖c8 15. ♕d3 ♗b6⇄ Nimzowitsch – Alekhine, St. Petersburg 1914.

27 a) 4...♘c6 5. ♘f3 (5. c3 c×d4 6. c×d4 ♕b6 7. ♘f3 ♘h6∓ Atalik) 5...♕a5+ 6. c3 [6. ♗d2?! ♘h6! 7. ♕g5 ♕b6 8. b3 ♘f5 9. ♗d3 ♘f×d4 10. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 (10...c×d4 11. 0–0 ♕c7 12. f4∓ Atalik) 11. 0–0 ♗d7 12. ♘c3 h6 13. ♕h5 ♗e7 14. ♖fe1 g6 15. ♕d1 h5 16. a4 ♗c6 17. ♕c1 h4 18. h3 ♖h5∓ Popadić – Atalik, Budva 2003] 6...c×d4 7. ♘×d4 [⌓ 7. ♗e2 d×c3 (7...h5!?) 8. ♘×c3 ♘ge7 9. ♗d2⩲] 7...f5 (7...♘×e5!∓) 8. ♕d1 ♘×d4 9. ♕×d4 ♘e7 10. ♗f4 ♘c6 11. ♕d2 ♗e7∓ Hector – Dokhoian, Copenhagen 1991;

b) 4...♕a5+!? 5. c3 (5. ♘d2 ♘c6 6. ♘gf3? ♘h6 7. ♕f4 ♘b4 8. ♔d1 c4∓ Nei – Gleizerov, Österskär 1995; 5. ♗d2 ♕b6 6. b3 c×d4 7. ♘f3 ♘c6 8. ♗d3 ♘b4 9. 0–0 ♘×d3 10. c×d3 ♘e7 11. ♘a3 ♗d7⇄ Pinski – Zontakh, Kazimierz Dolny 2001) 5...c×d4 6. ♕×d4 (6. ♘f3 ♘c6 7. ♗d3 d×c3 8. ♘×c3 d4 9. ♘×d4 ♕×e5+ 10. ♗e3 ♘f6 11. ♕h4 ♘×d4 12. ♕×d4 ♕×d4 13. ♗×d4 ♗d7∓) 6...♘c6 7. ♕f4 ♘ge7 8. ♗d3 ♘g6 9. ♗×g6 h×g6 10. ♘f3 ♕a6 11. ♘g5 ♘d8 12. ♘d2 ♕d3 13. ♘b3 b6 14. ♗d2 (14. ♘d4 ♗a6 15. ♕f3 ♕×f3 16. ♘g×f3 f6 17. ♗e3 g5 18. g4 ♗d3∓) 14...♗d7 15. 0–0–0 ♖c8 16. ♗e1 ♕a6∓ I. Rabinovich – Botvinnik, Moscow 1937.

28 **6...♕c7!?** 7. 0–0 ♘×e5 (7...f6 8. ♗×h7 ♘×e5 9. ♘×e5 f×e5 10. ♗g6+ ♔d8 11. h3 ♘f6 12. ♕d1 ♗d6 13. c3 d×c3 14. ♘×c3 ♗d7∓ Smyslov – Lisitsyn, Moscow 1942) 8. ♘×e5 ♕×e5 9. ♗f4 ♘f6 10. ♕g3 (10. ♗b5+ ♗d7 11. ♗×d7+ ♔×d7 12. ♕g3 ♕f5∓) 10...♕h5∞; **6...f6** 7. ♗×h7 ♘×e5 8. ♘×e5 f×e5 9. ♕g6+ ♔e7 10. ♗×g8 ♖×g8∞ Baranov – Yakhin, USSR 1974.

29 8...♕c7 9. ♕g3 [9. ♕h5∞; 9. ♗g5?! ♘g×e5 (9...a6) 10. ♘×e5 ♘×e5∓]

9...♗d7 10. h4 ♖c8 11. h5 ♘ge7 12. ♘bd2 f6 13. ♘b3 f×e5 14. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 15. ♖×e5 ♘c6 16. ♗f4→; **9...♗c5?!** 10. h4 ♔f8 (10...0–0 11. h5 ♘h8 12. ♘g5 g6 13. ♘f3±) 11. h5 ♘ge7± Nimzowitsch – Székely, Kecskemét 1927; **9...f5**; **9...♗d7⇄** ; **9...f6** 10. ♗×g6+ h×g6 11. c3 d3 12. ♕×g6+ ♕f7 13. ♕×d3 f×e5∓ Yukhtman – Matulović, USSR – Yugoslavia, Kiev 1959; **9...♘b4** 10. ♘×d4 ♘×d3 11. c×d3⇄.

30 **9. a3!?** ♗d7! [9...0–0 10. h4 (10. ♘bd2 f5 11. ♕g3 a5 12. ♘b3 ♕b6 13. h4 a4 14. h5!?∞ Gershkovich – Petrosian, Tbilisi 1945) 10...♕c7 (10...♘×h4? 11. ♗×h7+ ♔×h7 12. ♘g5+ ♗×g5 13. ♗×g5 ♕c7 14. ♕×h4+ ♔g8 15. ♗f6+–) 11. ♗g5 (11. ♗×g6 f×g6 12. ♘bd2 ♖f5∓) 11...♗×g5 12. h×g5⇄] 10. b4 ♕c7 11. b5 h5 12. ♕g3 h4 13. ♕g4 ♘c×e5 14. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 15. ♕×g7 ♖h5!∓; **9. h4?!** ♗×h4∓.

31 **9...♗d7** 10. c×d4 ♘b4 11. ♖d1 h5 12. ♕h3 ♘×d3 13. ♖×d3 ♗a4 14. b3 ♗b5∓; **9...0–0** 10. c×d4 ♘b4 11. ♖d1 f5 12. ♕h5 ♕e8 13. ♘e1 ♗d7 14. ♘c3 ♕f7 15. ♗e2 ♖fc8⇄ Honfi – Uhlmann, Leipzig 1982.

32 11. ♗d2 (11. a3!?) 11...♘b4 12. ♗b1 ♖c8 13. a3 ♘c6 (13...♘a6 14. ♗d3 ♘c5 15. ♗c2⩲) 14. ♗d3 0–0∓ Sveshnikov – Komarov, Vrnjačka Banja 1999; 14...♘a5!?∓.

33 **4...c×d4** 5. ♕×d4!? (5. ♗d3 ♘e7!? 6. 0–0 ♘g6!? 7. ♗×g6 h×g6 8. ♕×d4 ♘c6 9. ♕f4 = Short) 5...♘c6 6. ♕f4 ♕c7 7. ♘c3 a6 8. ♗d3 ♘ge7 9. 0–0 ♘g6 10. ♕g3 ♘g×e5 11. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 12. ♖e1 f6 13. ♘×d5 e×d5 14. f4∞ Velimirović – Kholmov, Yugoslavia – USSR, Odessa 1975; **4...♕b6** 5. ♗d3 c×d4 6. 0–0 ♘d7 7. ♘bd2 ♘e7 8. ♘b3 ♘c6 9. ♖e1 g6 10. ♗f4 ♗g7 11. ♕d2 0–0 12. h4 ♕c7?! Keres – Ståhlberg, 6th Olympiad, Warsaw 1935; 12...a5!?⇄.

34 5. d×c5 see 4. d×c5.

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a) 6...f6!? 7. ♗b5 [7. ♕e2 (7...♕c7 8. ♗f4 g5 9. ♗g3 g4 10. ♘h4 f5 11. ♘d2?! (11. f3) 11...♗h6 12. ♘×f5?! (12. f4∞) 12...e×f5 13. e6 ♕g7!↑ Kogan – Glek, Copenhagen 1996) 7...f×e5 8. ♘×e5 ♘f6 9. ♗g5 (9. ♗f4 ♗d6 10. ♘d2 0–0 11. ♖ae1 ⩲ ♕c7; 9. ♗b5 ♕c7∓ 10. c3 d3!; 9. ♘d2 ♘×e5 10. ♕×e5 ♗d6 11. ♕×d4 e5∓) 9...♗d6? Rauzer – Grigoriev, Odessa 1929; 9...♘×e5! 10. ♕×e5 ♗d6! 11. ♕×d4 0–0 12. ♘d2 ♕c7 13. ♕h4 h6∓] 7...♗d7 8. ♗×c6 b×c6 9. ♕×d4 f×e5 (9...♕b6!?) 10. ♕×e5 ♘f6 11. ♗f4 ♗c5⇄ Alekhine – Euwe, Nottingham 1936;

b) 6...f5 7. ♘bd2! (7. a3 a5 8. ♗b5 ♗d7 9. ♗×c6 b×c6 10. ♕×d4 c5 11. ♕f4 ♘h6 12. c4 d4∓ Crosa – Leitão, São Paulo 2002) 7...♘ge7 8. ♘b3 ♘g6 9. ♖e1 ♗e7 (9...♕b6 10. a4!? ♗b4 11. ♗d2 ♗×d2 12. ♕×d2±) 10. ♘b×d4 0–0 11. c4± (Keres) 11...♘×d4 12. ♘×d4 ♕b6 13. ♘f3±;

c) 6...♗c5 7. ♘bd2 (7. a3 ♘ge7 8. ♘bd2 ♘g6 9. ♘b3 ♗b6 10. ♖e1 ♗d7 11. g3 f6 12. ♗×g6+ h×g6 13. ♕d3 ♔f7 14. h4 ♕g8! 15. ♗d2 ♕h7 16. ♗b4 g5!∓ Bondarevsky – Botvinnik, Leningrad/Moscow 1941; 7. c3!?) 7...♘ge7 8. ♘b3 ♗b6 9. ♗f4 ♘g6 10. ♗g3 (10. ♗×g6 h×g6 11. ♖e1 ♗d7 12. ♗g3 ♖c8 13. ♖e2 ♘e7 14. ♘b×d4 ♘f5 15. ♘×f5 g×f5∓ Levenfish – Botvinnik, Leningrad 1937) 10...f5 11. h4 0–0 12. h5 ♘h8∞;

d) 6...♗d7 7. ♖e1 h6 8. a3 ♗c5 (8...♘ge7) 9. ♘bd2 ♘ge7 10. b4! ♗b6 11. ♘b3 a6 12. ♗b2 0–0 13. ♕d2?! Hodgson – Morozevich, Amsterdam 1996; 13. ♘b×d4 ♘×d4 14. ♘×d4±.

36 **7. ♖e1** ♘g6 8. ♘bd2 [8. a3?! ♗d7 (8...♗e7 9. ♘bd2 0–0 10. ♘b3 f5⇄) 9. b4 ♕c7 10. ♕e2 ♗e7 11. b5 ♘a5 12. ♗g5? (12. ♘×d4∓ Short) 12...♘c4?! Short – Bareev, Tilburg 1991; 12...♗×g5 13. ♘×g5 ♘c4–+ Short] 8...♗e7 9. ♘b3 0–0 10. ♘b×d4 ♗d7⇄; **7. ♘bd2**.

37 **8...♕b6?!** 9. ♘bd2 ♕×b2 [9...♘b4!? 10. ♘b3 (10. ♗×g6 f×g6!? 11. ♘b3 ♗e7 12. ♘f×d4 0–0⇄ Gurevich) 10...♘×d3 11. ♕×d3 ♗d7 12. ♘f×d4 ♗e7 13. f4 0–0 14. ♔h1 ♔h8!? (14...f6 15. e×f6 ♗×f6 16. c3∞ Gurevich) 15. ♗e1 (15. f5? e×f5 16. ♘×f5 ♗b5∓) 15...a5⇄ Seul – Gurevich, Bad Godesberg 1996; 15...♕a6!? 16. ♕×a6 b×a6⇄ Gurevich] 10. ♘b3 ⩲ [10. ♖b1 ♕×a2 (10...♕c3 11. h4!?↑) 11. ♘b3↑ Gurevich]; **8...f5** 9. e×f6 (9. h4?! h5∓) 9...g×f6 10. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 11. ♗×g6+ h×g6 12. ♕×d4⇄.

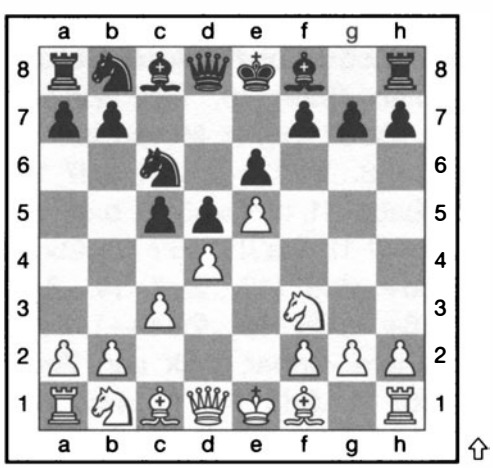
38 9. ♖e1 ♕b6 10. ♘bd2 ♗d7 11. ♘b3 ♖c8 12. a3 a6 13. h4 ♗d8 14. ♕d2 ⩲ Keres – Hazenfuss, Kemeri 1937.

39 9...0–0 10. h4 [10. ♘b3 ♗d7 (10...f5 11. e×f6 g×f6 12. ♘f×d4 e5 13. ♘f5 e4 14. ♘×e7+ ♕×e7 15. ♗b5 f5 16. f4∞ Štoček – Matlak, Czech League 1999/2000) 11. ♘b×d4 ♘×d4 12. ♘×d4 ♕b6 13. ♗×g6 f×g6 14. ♕d2 g5!=] 10...f5∞.

40 10. h3 0–0 11. ♖e1 ♘h4 12. ♗×h4 ♗×h4 13. ♘b3 ♗d7 14. ♘×h4 ♕×h4 15. ♗b5= Hodgson – Ree, Wijk aan Zee 1986.

41 11. ♘h4 (11. ♖e1 e5 12. ♘h4 ♘×h4 13. ♕h5+ ♔d7 14. ♗×h4 ♔c7 15. ♗g3 ♗d6∓ Kivisto – Tukmakov, Moscow 1985) 11...♘ge5 (11...♘×h4! 12. ♕h5+ ♔d7 13. ♕×h4 e5 14. c4 d×c3 15. b×c3 ♔c7∓; 11...♔f7 12. ♕h5 f5∞; 11...f5 12. ♘×g6 h×g6 13. ♘f3 ♗f6 14. ♖e1⩲) 12. ♕h5+ ♔d7 13. ♗b5 ♕e8 14. ♕e2 a6 15. ♗×c6+ ♘×c6 16. c4 (16. c4⩲) 16...d×c3 17. b×c3 [17. ♘e4?! ♘d4 (17...c×b2 18. ♕×b2 ♕f7 19. ♘c3⇄) 18. ♕d3 c×b2 19. ♕×d4 b×a1♕ 20. ♖×a1 ♕f7∓] 17...♕f7 18. ♖ad1 ♖d8 (18...♔e8 19. c4⇄) 19. ♘c4 ♗c5 20. ♘e3 ♘e7 21. ♔h1 ♔e8⇄ Spraggett – Gurevich, Havana 1986.

42 4...♘e7 5. ♘f3 ♘ec6 (5...♘f5 6. h4 ♗e7 7. ♗d3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘c6 9. ♗×f5 e×f5 10. ♗g5± Sveshnikov – Agrinsky, Moscow 1998)



a) 6. h4 ♘d7 7. h5 f6!⇄ Sveshnikov – Kovačević, Belgrade 1988;

b) 6. ♗e3!? ♘d7 7. ♗d3 a5 8. ♘bd2 c×d4 9. c×d4 a4 10. a3 ♗e7 11. h4± Kupreichik – Kovačević, Ljubljana/Portorož 1989; 11. 0–0 f6 12. e×f6 ♘×f6 13. ♘e5±;

c) 6. ♗g5 ♕d7?! (6...♕b6⇄) 7. d×c5 ♗×c5 8. ♗d3 Sveshnikov – Zeller, Böblingen 1991; 8. b4 ♗b6 9. b5±) 8...♕c7! 9. ♕e2 ♘d7 10. ♗f4 f6!⇄;

d) 6. ♗d3 b6 7. ♗g5 ♕d7 8. 0–0 ♗a6 9. d×c5 b×c5 10. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 11. c4± Sveshnikov – Lputian, Moscow 1989.

43 5. ♗d3 ♗d7 [5...c×d4 6. c×d4 ♘c6 (6...♗d7= Keres) 7. ♘f3 ♗d7 see 4...♘c6] 6. ♕e2!? (6. d×c5 ♗×c5 7. ♕e2) 6...c×d4 7. ♘f3 ♘c6 8. 0–0 ♘ge7!? 9. a3⩲ Garcia – Cardenas Serrano, Havana 1991.

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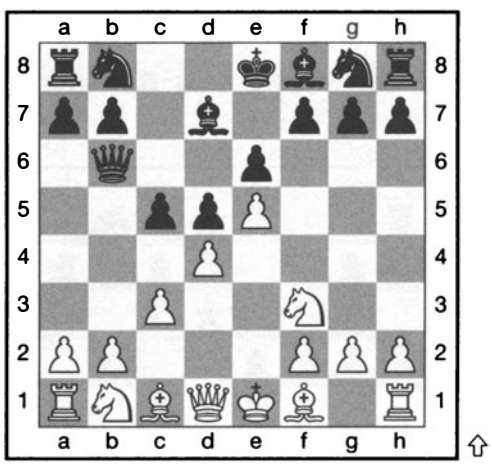


6. a3 – See Table 2 on page 64 ff.

6. ♘a3!? c×d4 7. c×d4 ♗b4+ [7...♘c6 8. ♗e2 ♗b4+ 9. ♔f1!? ♗e7 10. h4 f6 11. ♖h3! ♘h6?! (⌓ 11...f×e5 12. d×e5 ♗c5 13. ♖g3 ♗×f2 14. ♖×g7 ♘ge7 15. ♗d3 ♗c5∞) 12. ♗×h6 g×h6 13. ♕d2↑ Kupreichik – Timoshchenko, Odessa 1968] 8. ♗d2 ♘c6 9. ♘c2 a5 10. ♗d3 ♗×d2+ 11. ♕×d2 ♘ge7⇄; 11...♘b4?! (Kupreichik – Zlotnik, Cheliabinsk 1975) 12. ♘×b4 ♕×b4 13. ♕×b4 a×b4 14. ♔d2±;

6. ♘bd2

a) 6...a5?! 7. ♗d3 ♘c6 8. d×c5 ♗×c5 9. ♕e2! ♘ge7?! (9...a4 10. b4 a×b3 11. ♘×b3 ♗e7 12. 0–0±) 10. ♘b3 a4 11. ♘×c5 ♕×c5 12. 0–0± Erenburg – Gunnarsson, Pardubice 2003;

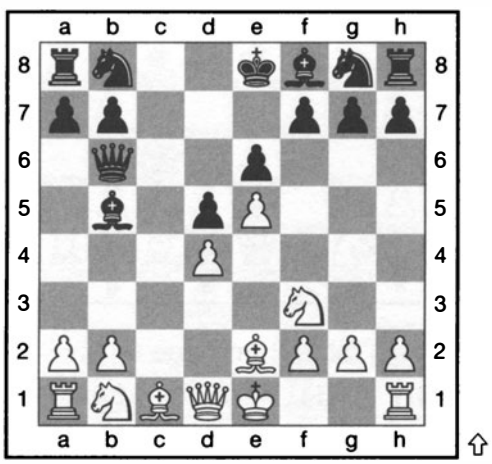
b) 6...♘h6 7. ♘b3! ♗a4 8. ♗×h6 g×h6 9. d×c5 ♗×c5 10. ♕d2 ♗×b3 11. a×b3 ♘c6 12. ♕c2 ♖c8 13. ♖a4± Dvoiris – Eingorn, Genf 2001;

c) 6...♗b5!?;

d) 6...c×d4 7. ♘×d4 (7. ♘b3) 7...♘c6 8. ♘2f3 ♘×d4 9. ♘×d4 ♗c5 10. ♕g4 ♘e7 11. ♗d3 ♗×d4 12. ♕×d4 ♕×d4 13. c×d4 ♘f5 14. ♗e3 ♘×e3 15. f×e3 ♖c8= Bareev–Eingorn, Chalkidiki 2002;

6. ♕b3!? ♘c6 (6...c4?! 7. ♕c2±; 6...♕×b3 7. a×b3 ♘c6 8. d×c5!? ♗×c5 9. b4 ♗b6±; 6...c×d4 7. ♕×b6 a×b6 8. ♘×d4!±) 7. ♘a3 ♘a5 8. ♕×b6 a×b6 9. ♘c2 ♘e7 10. ♗e2± Aseev–Rustemov, St. Petersburg 1997; 10. ♗d3!?.

45 **6...♘c6** See 4...♘c6; **6...c×d4** 7. c×d4 ♗b5



a) 8. 0–0 ♗×e2 9. ♕×e2 ♘c6 [9...♕a6 10. ♕d1 (10. ♕×a6 ♘×a6=) 10...♘c6 11. ♗e3 ♘ge7 12. ♘c3 ♘f5 13. g4 ♘×e3 14. f×e3 ♗e7 15. ♘e2± Rozentalis–Schmidt, Zakopane 2000] 10. ♗e3 ♘ge7 11. ♘c3 ♘f5 12. ♖fc1 (12. g4 ♘×e3 13. f×e3 ♗e7=) 12...♗e7 13. ♘a4 ♕d8 14. a3 0–0 15. b4 ♕d7 16. ♘c5 ♗×c5 17. ♖×c5 ♖fc8= Hoffman–Psakhis, Benasque 1994;

b) 8. ♕b3 ♗×e2 9. ♕×b6 a×b6 10. ♔×e2 ♘e7 11. ♘c3 ♘ec6=;

c) 8. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 9. ♘c3 ♗b4 10. ♗d2 ♕a6= Glek;

d) 8. ♘c3 ♗×e2 9. ♘×e2 ♘e7 (9...♗b4+!? 10. ♗d2 ♘e7=) 10. 0–0 ♘d7 11. ♘f4 h5 12. ♕d3 g6 13. ♗d2 ♘f5 14. ♖fc1± Nakamura–Paschall, Bermuda 2003.

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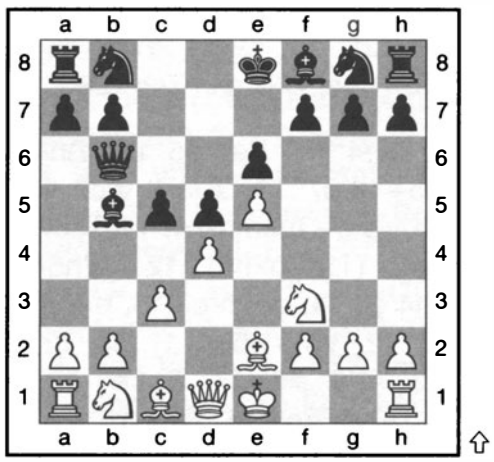


a) 7. 0–0 ♗×e2 8. ♕×e2 ♕a6!? 9. ♕d1 ♘d7! (9...c4 10. ♖e1 ♘c6 11. ♘bd2 0–0–0 12. ♘f1± Hecht–Karpov, Moscow 1977) 10. ♗e3 (10. d×c5!? Kaidanov) 10...♘e7? (10...♖c8!) 11. d×c5! ♘g6 12. b4± Sveshnikov–Zlotnik, Odessa 1975;

b) 7. d×c5!? ♗×c5 8. b4 [8. 0–0 ♗×e2 (8...a5?! 9. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 10. ♘a3! ♗×a3?! 11. b×a3 ♘e7 12. a4 ♕c4 13. ♖b1± Gulko–Vitolins, Tbilisi 1979) 9. ♕×e2 ♕a6 (9...a5!? 10. a4 ♘e7 11. ♘a3 0–0 12. ♘b5 ♘d7! 13. ♗d2 ♘c6= Lobzhanidze–Volkov, Bad Wörishofen 1999) 10. ♕c2 ♘d7 11. a4 ♖c8 12. ♘bd2 ♘e7⇄ Movsesian–Volkov, ICC 2004] 8...♗×f2+ 9. ♔f1 ♗d7 10. ♕d2 [10. c4 ♘a6!? 11. c5 ♘×c5 12. b×c5 ♗×c5∞; 10...d×c4?! 11. ♘a3!± a6? 12. ♘×c4 ♕a7 13. ♘d6+ ♔f8 (13...♔e7 14. ♗g5+ f6 15. e×f6+ g×f6 16. ♘e4+–) 14. ♘c8! 1–0, Rogers–Sribar, Wijk aan Zee 1977] 10...♘h6! 11. ♗d3?? (11. c4⇄; 11. a4!?) 11...♘g4∓ Svidler–Shirov, León 2004;

c) 7. ♗e3!?N ♗×e2 8. ♕×e2 ♘c6 9. 0–0 a6 10. ♘bd2!? c×d4 (10...♕×b2 11. c4! c×d4 12. ♖ab1 ♕×a2 13. ♘×d4⩱) 11. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 12. ♗×d4 ♗c5 13. ♕g4 g6= Kupreichik–Hába, Regensburg 2000.

47 7...d×c4!? 8. ♘c3 (8. a4 ♗c6 9. ♘a3⇄) 8...c×d4 9. ♘×d4 ♗a6!? (9...♗c6; 9...♗d7?!±) 10. ♗e3 (10. 0–0 ♘d7 11. ♕a4 ♕b4 12. ♕×b4 ♗×b4 13. ♘cb5 ♗×b5

14. ♘×b5 ♔e7∞) 10...♕a5 (⌓ 10...♕×b2) 11. f4 ♘h6 12. ♕c2 (12. ♕d2 ♘d7 13. ♗f3⩱) 12...♗c5 13. 0–0⩱ Yagupov – Rustemov, Moscow 1994.

48 8...d×c4 9. d5 e×d5 (9...♘e7 10. d×e6 ♕×e6! 11. ♘c3 ♘ec6! 12. 0–0 ♗e7 13. ♗g5! 0–0 14. ♗×e7 ♘×e7?! 15. ♘e4 ♘d7 16. ♘fg5 ♕c6 17. ♕c2! h6 18. ♖ad1 ♘d5 19. ♘c3 h×g5 20. ♖×d5±, Goloshchapov – Volkov, Abu Dhabi 2005) 10. ♕×d5 ♘e7 11. ♕e4 (11. ♕×c4 ♕b4+ 12. ♘bd2 ♕×c4 13. ♘×c4 ♘g6 14. h4 h5 15. ♗g5± Sax – Dreev, Tilburg 1992) 11...♕c6 (11...♘d7 12. 0–0 ♕c6 13. ♕×c4 ♘b6 14. ♕e2 ♘ed5 15. a4± Zaitsev – Doda, Riga 1968) 12. ♕×c4 ♕a6! (12...♘d7 13. 0–0 ♘b6 14. ♕e2 ♘ed5 15. a4± Salem – Volzhin, Abu Dhabi 2001) 13. ♕e4 (13. ♘a3± Zlotnik) 13...♘bc6 14. ♘bd2 0–0–0? Zaitsev – Krasnov, USSR 1968; 14...♘d4! 15. ♘×d4 c×d4 16. ♕×d4 ♘c6⩱.

49 10. 0–0 ♘c6 11. d×c5 ♗×c5 12. a3 ♕b5 13. ♘e4 (13. ♕e2 ♘ge7 14. ♘×c4 ♘f5 15. b4± Galdunts – Gavrilov, Naberezhnye Chelny 1988) 13...♘ge7 14. ♗e3 ♖d8 15. ♕e2 ♗×e3 16. ♘d6+ ♖×d6 17. e×d6 ♗×f2+ 18. ♖×f2± Adams – Illescas Cordoba, Las Palmas 1994.

50 **10...♕a5** 11. 0–0 ♘c6 12. ♘×c4 ♕a6 13. ♘d6+!? ♗×d6 14. e×d6 c×d4 15. d7+! ♔e7 16. ♘×d4 ♘f6 17. ♘f5+!→ Wolf – Gerbich, corr. 1988;

10...♕b5 11. 0–0 [11. ♕e2 c×d4 12. ♘×d4 ♕d5 13. ♘4f3! (13. ♘2f3 ♗c5 14. ♗e3 ♗×d4 15. ♗×d4 ♘c6 16. 0–0–0 ♘ge7∞ Ivell – Beliavsky, London 1985) 13...♘d7 14. ♘×c4 ♖c8 15. ♘e3 ♕e4 16. b4± Howell – Mestel, Swansea 1987] 11...♘e7 (11...♘c6) 12. ♘e4 ♘d5 13. d×c5 ♘d7 (13...♗×c5 14. ♕e2 ♘d7 15. b4 ♗e7 16. ♗g5⩱) 14. ♘d6+ ♗×d6 15. c×d6 0–0?! Illescas Cordoba – Beliavsky, Madrid 1995; 15...c3!⇄.

Notes

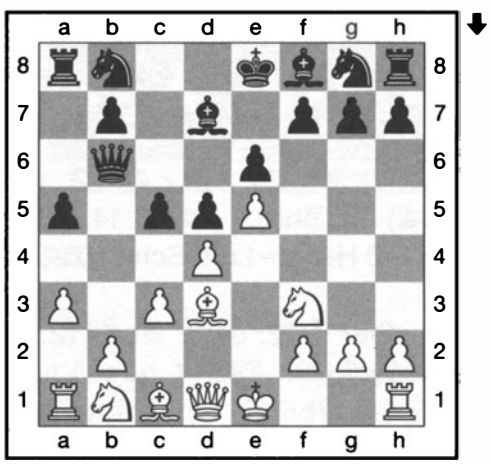
Table 2

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3!?

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
8	...	b3!?[51]	♗e3	♗d3	0–0[54]	♗×f5	♘bd2!?[56]	c4	
	a5	♘a6[52]	♖c8	♘e7[53]	♘f5[55]	e×f5	♗e7	♗e6[57]	±
9	...	c×d4	♗×b5+	♘c3	♗d2!?[59]	b4!?[61]	♘e2[63]	0–0	
	c×d4	♗b5	♕×b5	♕a6[58]	♘d7[60]	♕d3[62]	♖c8	♘e7[64]	±
10	...	c4[65]	♘c3[67]	d5	d6[68]	♘×b5	♕c2	♘×e5	
	♗b5	d×c4!?[66]	♘c6	0–0–0!	f6	♕×b5	♘×e5	f×e5[69]	=
11	...	b4	♗×b5+[71]	c×d4[72]	♘c3	♘a4!?[75]	♗d2□	a×b4[77]	
	...	c×d4[70]	♕×b5	♘d7[73]	♕c6[74]	a5!?[76]	a×b4	♕a6[78]	∞

51 **7. ♗e2** a4 (7...♘e7 8. d×c5 ♕c7 9. b4 ♘bc6 10. ♗b2 ♘×e5 11. ♘bd2 ♘7g6 12. c4 d×c4 13. 0–0 ♗e7 14. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 15. f4 ♘g6 16. ♘×c4± Sveshnikov – Dambrauskas, Vilnius 1997) 8. 0–0 ♘c6 9. ♗d3 ♘a5 10. ♗c2 ♘c4 11. ♘g5!?∞ Sveshnikov – Volkov, Dubai 2002; (11. ♖a2);

7. ♗d3



a) 7...♗b5 8. 0–0 ♗×d3 9. ♕×d3 ♘c6 10. d×c5 ♗×c5 11. c4 ♕a6 12. ♘bd2 ♘ge7= Suetin – Lputian, Daugavpils 1978;

b) 7...c×d4!? 8. c×d4 ♘c6 9. 0–0 ♘×d4 10. ♘×d4 ♕×d4 11. ♘c3 (11. ♕e2 ⩲)

b1) 11...♘e7 12. ♘b5 ♕×e5 13. ♖e1 ♕b8 14. ♕f3 ♗×b5! 15. ♗×b5+ ♘c6 16. ♕×d5 ♕d6! 17. ♕c4 ⩲ I. Zaitsev – Lempert, Moscow 1994;

b2) 11...♖c8 12. ♕e2 ♘e7 13. ♔h1 ♕h4!? 14. f4 ♘f5 15. ♗×f5 e×f5 16. ♘×d5 ♗c5 17. ♗e3 0–0± Velimirović – Ivkov, Titograd 1965;

b3) 11...♘h6 12. ♘b5 ♕×e5 13. ♖e1 ♕b8 14. ♕f3 ♗d6 15. ♘×d6+ ♕×d6 16. ♗f4 ♕e7 17. ♕g3 f6⩲ I. Zaitsev – Geller, Moscow 1982;

b4) 11...♕b6 12. ♕g4 g6 (12...f5 13. e×f6?! ♘×f6 14. ♕g3 ♗e7! 15. ♕×g7 ♖g8 16. ♕h6 ♕d4 17. ♖d1 ♕g4 18. ♗f1 ♖g6 19. ♕f4 ♕h5 20. ♗e2 ♕h3 21. ♕f3 e5!∓ Steinberg – Shilov, Kharkov 1967; 13. ♕g3⩲) 13. ♗e3 ♗c5 14. ♘a4 ♗×a4 15. ♕×a4+ ♔f8 16. ♗×c5+ ♕×c5 17. ♖ac1 ♕b6 18. ♕d7⩲ Shirov – Anand, FIDE World Championship (1), New Delhi/Teheran 2000;

c) 7...a4 8. 0–0 ♗b5 9. c4 d×c4 10. ♗e2 c×d4 11. ♘×d4 ♘c6 12. ♘×b5 ♕×b5 13. ♘c3 ♕×e5 14. ♗×c4⩲ Sveshnikov – Minev, Moscow 1977.

d) 7...♘c6 8. ♗c2 ♘h6 9. 0–0 ♖c8 (9...c×d4 10. c×d4 ♘f5 11. ♗×f5 e×f5 12. ♘c3∞ Predojević) 10. d×c5 (10. h3!? c×d4 11. c×d4 ♘f5 12. ♗×f5 e×f5 13. ♘c3 ♗e6±) 10...♗×c5 11. b4?! a×b4 12. a×b4 ♗×f2+ 13. ♖×f2 ♘g4 14. ♘d4 (14. ♕e2 ♕×f2+ 15. ♕×f2 ♘×f2 16. ♔×f2 ♘×b4∓) 14...♘×f2 15. ♔×f2 ♘×e5 16. ♕h5=, Krapivin – Zakharevich, St. Petersburg 2005.

52 **7...♘e7** 8. d×c5 (8. ♗e2 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♗b5 10. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 11. ♘c3 ♕a6 12. a4 ♘ec6 13. ♘b5 ♕b6= Zviagintsev – Volkov, St. Petersburg 1999) 8...♕×c5 9. c4 ♕c7 10. ♘c3 ♗c6 11. ♗b2 ♘d7 12. c×d5 ♘×d5 13. ♘b5 ♕b6 (Delchev – Volkov, Batumi 2002) 14. ♗d4!? (Psakhis) 14...♗c5 15. ♗×c5 ♕×c5 16. ♖c1±;

7...♘c6 8. ♗e3 ♘h6 9. ♗d3 ♘f5 10. ♗×f5 e×f5 11. 0–0 c×d4 12. c×d4 h6 13. ♘c3 ♗e6 14. ♘a4 ♕b5 15. ♘e1 ♗e7 16. ♘d3 ♖c8 17. ♘ac5 0–0 18. ♖c1 ♖fe8 19. ♖c3 ♘a7 20. a4 ♕b6 21. ♕h5± Vorobiov – Volkov, Moscow 2004.

53 **9...♘h6?!** 10. ♗×h6 g×h6 11. 0–0 ♗g7 12. ♖a2 c×d4 13. c×d4 ♗b5 14. ♖d2?! (14. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 15. ♖c2 0–0 16. ♕c1± ♖c6 17. ♖×c6 b×c6 18. ♕e3 c5 19. ♖c1 ♖c8 20. ♘bd2±) 14...0–0 15. ♗×b5 ♕×b5= Sveshnikov – Volkov, Togliatti 2003;

9...c4!? 10. b×c4 ♕b2 11. ♘bd2 ♕×c3 12. ♕b1 d×c4 13. ♗e2 ♗×a3 14. 0–0 ♕b2 15. ♖a2 ♕×b1 16. ♖×b1 ⩲.

54 10. d×c5 ♘×c5 11. ♗c2 ♕a6∞ Svidler.

55 10...♗b5 11. c4±.

56 12. ♖e1 Svidler – Volkov, Russian Championship, Krasnoyarsk 2003.

57 14. c×d5 ♗×d5 15. ♘c4 ♕g6 16. ♖c1 0–0 17. d×c5 ♗×c4 18. ♖×c4 ♘×c5 19. b4 (19. ♗×c5 ♖×c5 20. ♕d7 ♖×c4 21. b×c4 ♗×a3 22. ♕×b7 ♗c5⇄) 19...a×b4 20. a×b4 ♖cd8 21. ♕b1 ♘e6 22. b5 ♖d5 23. ♖fc1 ♖fd8 24. ♕b3±.

58 **9...♕c4** 10. ♘e2 ♘c6 11. 0–0 ♘ge7 12. ♗d2 ♕a6 13. b4 ♕b6 14. ♕a4 a6 15. ♖fb1± Sveshnikov – Hulak, Brioni (Rapidplay) 1990;

9...♕d7 10. 0–0 ♘c6 11. b4 ♘ge7 12. ♕d3 ♘c8 13. ♗d2 a6 14. ♘a4!? ♘×e5 (14...b5 15. ♘c5 ♗×c5 16. d×c5 ♘8e7±) 15. ♘×e5 (15. d×e5 ♕×a4 16. ♗e3! ♘e7 17. ♘d4⩲) 15...♕×a4 16. f4?! Potkin – Asrian, Batumi 2002; 16. ♖ac1 ♗d6 17. ♕g3↑.

59 10. ♘e2 ♘e7 11. 0–0

a) 11...♘g6 12. ♗e3 (12. ♘g3 ♗e7 13. ♘h5 0–0±) 12...♗e7 13. ♘e1 0–0 14. f4 f5 15. ♘d3 ♘d7 16. ♘c5 ♗×c5 17. d×c5 ♖fc8 18. b4± Markarov – Riazantsev, St. Petersburg 2000;

b) 11...♘f5!? 12. g4 ♘e7 13. ♘g3 ♘d7! 14. ♗e3 ♘c6 15. ♘e1! ♕b6 16. b4± Mukhametov – Fominikh, Prague 1994;

c) 11...♘d7 12. ♘f4 [12. ♘g3 ♘c6 13. ♘h5 (13. ♗e3±) 13...h6 14. ♗e3 0–0–0 15. b4 ♘b6 16. ♕b1 ♕b5 17. ♘f4± Sveshnikov – Repkova, Riga 1995] 12...♘c6 13. ♘g5 ♘d8 14. ♕g4!± (14. ♕h5 Sveshnikov – Danielian, Moscow (Rapidplay) 1996).

60 10...♘e7 11. b4 ♘f5 (11...♕d3 12. ♕a4+ ♘d7 13. ♘b5 0–0–0 14. ♖c1+ ♘c6 15. ♖×c6+ 1–0 Klünter – Hank, Cologne 1995) 12. g4 ♘e7 13. b5 ♕b6 14. ♕e2 ♘d7 15. ♘a4 ♕d8 16. 0–0 h5 17. h3± Korbut – Khasanova, Budva 2003.

61 **11. ♕b3** ♖c8 12. ♖c1 h6 13. ♖c2 ♘b6 14. ♘e2 ♖×c2 15. ♕×c2 ♕c4 16. ♗c3 ♘e7 17. 0–0 ♘c6 18. b3 ♕a6 19. ♖a1 ♗e7 20. ♘e1 0–0 21. ♕d3 ♕×d3 22. ♘×d3 ½–½ Oll – Rustemov, Vilnius 1997;

11. ♕e2!? ♕×e2+ 12. ♔×e2 0–0–0? (12...a6±) 13. ♖hc1+– ♔b8 14. ♘b5 ♘h6 15. ♗g5 1–0 Hengl – Luft, Schwarzach 2000.

62 11...♘e7?! 12. a4!± ♕b6 [12...♖c8?! 13. ♘b5! ♘c6 (13...♘f5 14. g4+–) 14. ♘d6+ ♗×d6 15. b5 ♕b6 16. b×c6 ♕×c6 17. e×d6 ♕×d6 18. ♕b3+– Fingerov – Vysochin, Ukrainian Championship, Sebastopol 2000] 13. a5 ♕d8 14. a6 b×a6 15. ♖×a6 ♘c8 16. ♘g5! ♗e7 17. ♖×e6! 0–0 18. ♕g4± Belov – Lisy, Vladimir 2002.

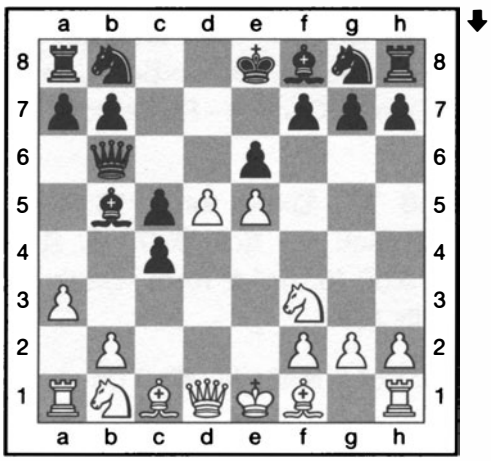
63 12. ♕e2 ♕×e2+ 13. ♔×e2 ♘b6 14. ♖hc1±.

64 14. ♘f4±.

65 7. ♗×b5+!? ♕×b5 8. a4 ♕b6 9. d×c5 ♗×c5 10. b4! ♗e7 (10...♗×f2+ 11. ♔e2 a5 12. ♖f1+–) 11. 0–0± Korchnoi.

66 7...♗×c4 8. ♗×c4 d×c4 9. ♘bd2! (9. d5 ♘e7 10. ♘c3 ♘×d5 11. ♘×d5 e×d5 12. ♕×d5 ♗e7 13. 0–0 ♘c6 14. e6 0–0 15. e×f7+ ♖×f7 16. ♗g5 ♕d8!=) 9...♕a6 (9...c3!? 10. b×c3 ♕a6 11. ♕e2±) 10. ♕e2 (10. ♕c2!?) 10...c×d4 (10...♘e7 11. ♘×c4 ♘d5 12. 0–0 ♘c6 13. d×c5 ♗×c5 14. b4 b5 Sveshnikov – Matveeva, Capelle la Grande 1995; 14...♗×b4⇄); 11. ♘×d4 (11. ♘×c4 ♘c6 12. 0–0? ♘a5∓) 11...♗c5 12. ♘4f3± Sveshnikov – Ehlvest, Leningrad 1984.

67 8. d5!?



8...♘e7!?

a) 9. d6 ♘g6 10. ♘c3 ♘d7∓;

b) 9. a4 ♗a6 10. a5 ♕b4+ [10...♕d8 11. ♕a4+ ♕d7 12. d×e6 (12. d6 ♕×a4 13. ♖×a4 ♘ec6 14. ♘a3 ♘d7 15. ♗f4 ♘b4 16. ♘×c4∞) 12...f×e6 13. ♗×c4 ♕×a4 14. ♖×a4 ♘d5 15. ♘c3 ♗×c4 16. ♖×c4 ♘c6∞] 11. ♘fd2 ♘×d5 12. ♖a4 ♕b5 13. ♘a3 ♕d7 14. ♗×c4⩲;

c) 9. ♘c3 ♘×d5 (9...e×d5 10. ♘×d5 ♕d8 11. ♘e3 ♕×d1+ 12. ♔×d1 ♗a4+ 13. ♔e1 b5 14. g3 ♘bc6 15. ♗g2 0–0–0∞) 10. ♘×d5 e×d5 11. ♕×d5 ♗e7 12. ♗×c4 0–0 13. 0–0 ♘c6 14. b3 [14. ♕e4 ♖ad8 15. ♗e3 ♗×c4 16. ♕×c4 ♕×b2 17. ♗×c5 (17. ♖ab1 ♘×e5 18. ♘×e5 ♕×e5 19. ♖×b7) 17...♘×e5∓] 14...♖ad8 15. ♕e4± Sveshnikov – Lutsko, Minsk 1999;

8...e×d5 9. ♕×d5 ♘e7 10. ♕e4 ♕c6 11. ♘c3 ♕×e4+ 12. ♘×e4∞.

68 10. ♕c2 e×d5 11. ♕f5+ ♔b8 12. ♕×f7 ♘ge7∓.

69 14. ♗×c4 ♕c6□ 15. ♗×e6+ ♔b8 16. 0–0 (16. ♗×g8? ♕×g2∓) 16...♘f6! 17. ♗e3 (17. ♗g5 ♖×d6 18. ♗f5⩲) 17...♗×d6 18. b4= Sveshnikov – Vysochin, Yugoslavian League 1998; 18. ♖ac1↑.

70 7...c×b4 8. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 9. a×b4 ♘d7 10. ♖a5 ♕c4⇄.

71 8. ♕×d4 ♕a6 9. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 10. a4 ♕d7⇄.

72 9. ♘×d4!? ♕d7 [9...♕c4 10. ♗e3 ♘c6 11. ♘d2 ♕×c3 (11...♕d3 12. ♕a4! ♖c8 13. ♘×c6 b×c6 14. ♕×a7±) 12. ♖c1 ♕×a3 13. ♘b5 ♕×b4 14. ♘c7+ ♔d7 15. ♘×a8∞] 10. 0–0 (10. ♘d2 ♕c7 11. ♘2f3 ♕×c3+ 12. ♗d2 ♕d3 13. ♕a4+ ♘d7 14. ♖c1 a6 15. ♖c3 ♕e4+ 16. ♗e3 ♕b1+ 17. ♗c1 ♕e4+ 18. ♗e3 ♕b1+=; 10. ♗f4!?) 10...♘e7 11. ♗f4!? ♘bc6 12. ♘f3 h6! 13. h4 (13. h3 g5 14. ♗g3 ♗g7∞) 13...g5!? 14. h×g5 ♘g6 15. ♗g3 h×g5 16. ♘×g5 (16. c4 g4 17. c×d5 ♕×d5∓; 16. b5 ♘ce7 17. ♘×g5 ♘f5⩲) 16...♘c×e5⇄ Kupreichik – Feigin, 2nd German League 1999/2000.

73 9...a5!? 10. ♘c3 (10. b×a5 ♘c6 11. ♘c3 ♕c4 12. ♘e2 ♖×a5⇄) 10...♕c6 (10...♕c4 11. ♗d2 a×b4 12. a×b4 ♖×a1 13. ♕×a1±) 11. ♗d2 a×b4 12. a×b4 ♖×a1 13. ♕×a1 ♕a6 14. ♕a4+!? (14. ♕b1 b5 15. 0–0 ♘e7 16. ♕d3 ♘ec6 17. ♘×b5 ♔d7 18. ♘g5± Shirov – Ljubojević, Monaco (blind) 2002) 14...♕×a4 15. ♘×a4 b5 16. ♘c3 ♗×b4 17. ♘×b5 ♗e7 (17...♗×d2+ 18. ♔×d2 ♔e7 19. ♖c1 ♘h6 20. ♘d6±) 18. ♔e2± Zviagintsev – Volkov, Samara 1998;

9...♘c6 10. ♗e3 a5 11. ♘c3 ♕c4 12. ♘a4!±.

74 10...♕c4 11. ♗b2 ♘e7 12. ♖c1 ♘c6 13. ♘e2 ♕b5 14. 0–0 a6 15. ♘e1!± Nisipeanu – Ionescu, Călimăneşti 1999.

75 **11. ♗d2** ♘b6 12. 0–0 ♘c4⇄;

11. ♗b2 ♘b6 12. ♘d2?! (12. 0–0 ♘e7 13. ♖c1 ♕d7∓) 12...♘e7 13. 0–0 ♘f5!? 14. ♖c1 ♕d7∓ Alekseev – Rustemov, Tomsk 2001.

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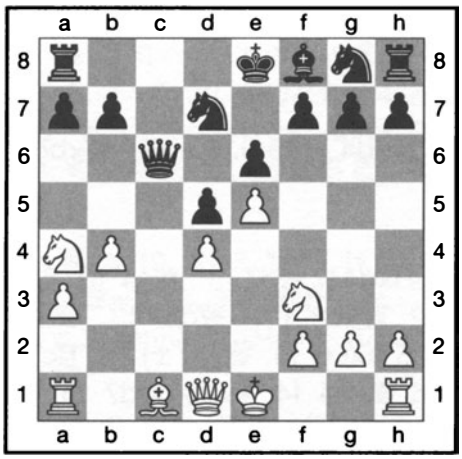

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11...♘b6 12. ♘×b6 a×b6 13. 0–0 ♘e7 14. ♗b2 ♘c8 15. ♖c1 ♕d7 16. ♖c3 ♗e7 17. ♕c2 ♗d8 18. ♖c1 ± Torre – Bagamasbad, Greenhills 1997.

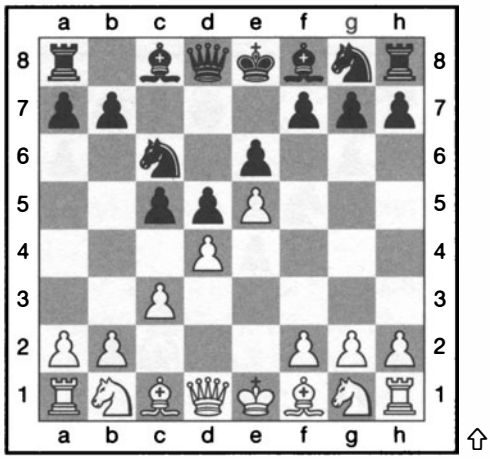
77 13. ♖c1? ♕a6! 14. ♕b3 b6–+.

78 14. b5 (14. ♗c3!?) 14...♕×b5 15. ♘c3 ♖×a1 16. ♘×b5 (16. ♕×a1!?) 16...♖×d1+ 17. ♔×d1 ⩲ Sveshnikov – Grosar, Celje 2003.

Notes

Table 3

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6



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	c×d4[79]	♘ge7[80]	♘f5[82]	♕b6[84]	♗d7	♘f×d4	♘×d4	♗c5[86]	±
13	♘f3	♗b5[87]	0–0	♗×c6	e×f6	♘e5	d×c5	♗g5	
	f6	♗d7	♕b6[88]	b×c6	♘×f6	♗d6[89]	♗×c5[90]	♕d8?![91]	±
14	…	♘a3![92]	c×d4	♘c2	♗d3[95]	♔f1	h4[97]	g3	
	♘ge7	c×d4[93]	♘f5	♕b6[94]	♗b4+[96]	♗e7	h5[98]	a5[99]	±
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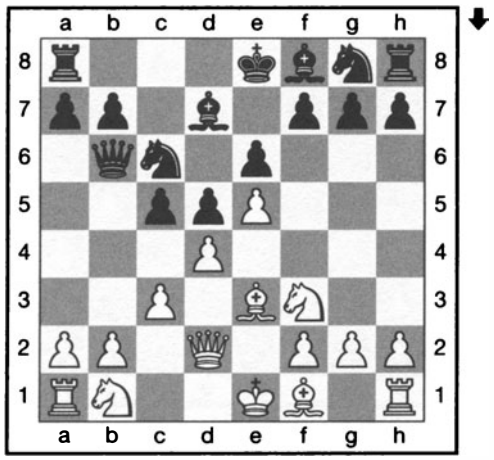
79 **5...♗d7** 6. ♘f3 ♕b6 7. ♕d2



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b) 7...c×d4 8. c×d4 ♖c8 9. ♘c3 ♘a5!? 10. ♗d3 ♗b4⇄ Kupreichik – Kaminski, Bad Endbach 1995;

c) 7...♘h6 8. d×c5 ♗×c5 9. ♗×h6 g×h6 10. ♗d3 ♕c7 11. ♕e2 f6 12. e×f6 ♕f4 13. ♘bd2 0–0 14. 0–0–0⇄ Kupreichik – Kruppa, St. Petersburg 1996;

5...♕b6 6. ♕d2 ♗d7 [6...♘h6 7. ♗d3 (7. ♘f3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♗d7 9. ♘c3 ♖c8 (9...♘f5⇄) 10. ♗d3 ♘g4 11. 0–0± Kupreichik – Nikolenko, Berlin 1994) 7...♘g4 8. ♘f3 (8. d×c5!?) 8...♗d7!? (8...♘×e3 9. f×e3 ♗e7 10. 0–0 0–0 11. ♔h1 g6!? 12. ♘a3!?∞ Kupreichik – Vasiljević, Yugoslavian League, Cetinje 1993) 9. 0–0 ♘×e3 10. f×e3 ♗e7 11. ♔h1 0–0 12. e4 d×e4 (12...c×d4 13. e×d5 e×d5 14. c×d4 ♗e6 15. ♘c3∞) 13. ♗×e4 ♖ad8 14. d×c5!± Kupreichik – Libeau, Germany 1993] 7. f4 ♖c8 8. ♘f3 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♗b4 10. ♘c3 ♘ge7=.

80 6...♕b6 7. ♕d2!? ♘ge7 (7...♘h6!? 8. ♗×h6 g×h6 9. ♘f3 ♗g7 10. ♘c3 0–0⇄) 8. ♘c3 (8. ♗d3 ♘f5 9. ♘c3 ♗b4 10. ♘ge2 ♗d7 11. 0–0 ♘ce7 12. a3 ♗×c3 13. b×c3! 0–0 14. ♖ab1 ♕c7 15. ♗g5± Kupreichik – Faragó, Passau 1993) 8...♘f5 9. ♘f3 ♗d7 10. ♗d3! (10. ♗e2 ♘a5 11. 0–0 ♗b4 12. ♖ac1 ♖c8 13. ♗d3 ♘c4 14. ♕e2 ♕a5⇄ Ács – Párkányi, Budapest 1994) 10...♘f×d4 11. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 12. ♗e2 ♗c5 13. b4 ♘c2+ 14. ♕×c2 ♗×e3 15. f×e3 ♕×e3 16. ♕d3 ♕×e5 17. 0–0±.

81 7. ♘c3 ♘g6 8. ♘f3 ♗e7 9. ♗d3 ♗d7 10. 0–0 0–0 11. ♖c1 ♗e8 12. ♘e2 f6 13. e×f6 ♗×f6± Pegoraro – Salami, Bratto 1996.

82 7...♕b6 8. ♕d2 ♘b4 9. ♗e2 ♘f5 10. ♘c3 ♘×d4? 11. ♗d1! ♘bc6 12. ♘ge2 ♗c5 13. ♘a4+– Kupreichik – Charochkin, Schwäbisch Gmünd 2002.

83 **8. ♗×f5** e×f5 9. ♘c3 ♗e6 10. ♘ge2±;

8. ♘e2?! ♗e7? [8...♘×e3! 9. f×e3 ♕g5 10. ♘f4 (10. 0–0 ♕×e3+ 11. ♔h1 ♗d7 12. ♖f3 ♕g5 13. ♘bc3 f5! 14. ♘b5 ♖c8∓ Rodríguez – Gleizerov, Málaga 2000) 10...♘×d4! 11. e×d4 ♕×f4 12. ♗b5+ ♗d7 13. ♗×d7+ ♔×d7 14. ♕a4+ ♔d8∓] 9. 0–0 0–0 10. ♘bc3 ♘×e3 11. f×e3 ♗d7 12. ♘f4 f5 13. g4 g6 14. g×f5 g×f5 15. ♔h1 ♔h8 16. ♖g1± Kupreichik – Jorgensen, Copenhagen 1993.

84 **8...♗d7** 9. ♘c3 ♕b6 10. 0–0 ♘×e3 11. f×e3 ♗e7 12. a3 0–0 13. ♖c1 f5 14. e×f6 ♖×f6 15. ♘a4± Pavasović – Bukal, Nova Gorica 1999;

8...♘×e3 9. f×e3 ♗e7 (9...g6 10. ♘c3 ♗g7 11. h4 ♕e7 12. ♕e2 ♗d7 13. 0–0–0!? f6 14. e×f6 ♗×f6 15. ♔b1 0–0–0 16. g4± Kupreichik – Kacheishvili, Schwäbisch Gmünd 2001) 10. 0–0 0–0 11. ♘c3 ♗d7 12. ♖c1 f5 13. e×f6 ♗×f6⇄ Jerić – Gleizerov, Ljubljana 2000.

85 12. 0–0? ♗c5∓ Vazelaki – Stamiris, Athens 1999.

86 13. b4 ♘c2+ 14. ♕×c2 ♗×e3 15. f×e3 ♕×e3 16. ♕d3 ♕×e5 17. 0–0±.

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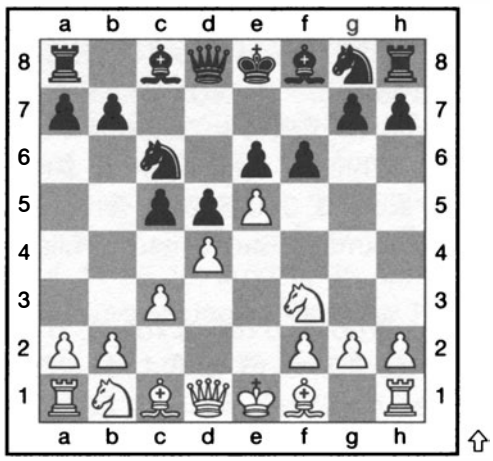

6. ♗d3

a) 6...f×e5 7. d×e5 g6 8. h4! ♗g7 9. h5± Paulsen – Schwarz, Vienna 1882;

b) 6...♗d7 7. ♕c2 f5 8. g4 g6 9. g×f5 g×f5 10. d×c5 ♗×c5 11. ♕e2 ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 ♘ge7 13. ♘b3 ♗b6 14. ♘bd4 = Muffang – Alekhine, Paris 1923;

c) 6...♕c7 7. 0–0!? (7. ♗f4 f5 8. 0–0± Paulsen – Blackburne, Nuremberg 1883; 8. d×c5!? ♗×c5 9. b4 ♗f8 10. 0–0±) 7...f×e5 8. d×e5 c4 (8...♘×e5 9. ♘×e5 ♕×e5 10. ♖e1 ♕d6 11. ♕h5+ ∞) 9. ♗c2 ♗c5 10. b3 c×b3 11. a×b3 ♘×e5 12. ♘×e5 ♕×e5 13. ♖a4!? ♘f6 14. ♖h4 ∞ Dvoiris – Bertholee, Dieren 2002.

88 7...♘×e5 8. ♘×e5 ♗×b5 9. ♕h5+ g6 (9...♔e7 10. ♕f7+ ♔d6 11. ♕×b7 ♕e7 12. ♘f7++–) 10. ♘×g6 h×g6 11. ♕×h8 ♗×f1 12. ♕×g8 ♗d3 13. ♕×e6+ ♕e7 14. ♕×e7+ ♗×e7 15. d×c5 ♗×c5 16. ♗e3 ♗×e3 17. f×e3±.

89 10...c×d4 11. c×d4 c5 12. ♘×d7 ♘×d7 13. ♖e1 ♗e7 14. ♕h5+ g6 15. ♕h3±.

90 11...♕×c5±.

91 **12...♕×b2!?** 13. ♘d2 ♕×c3 14. ♘×d7 ♘×d7 (14...♔×d7 15. ♖c1±) 15. ♕g4 ∞

12...♕d8?! 13. ♗×f6 ♕×f6 14. ♕h5+ g6 15. ♕e2 ♖d8 16. ♘d2± Nimzowitsch – Levenfish, Carlsbad 1911.

92 **6. a3** ♘f5 (6...c4!?) 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♕b6 see 5...♕b6 6. a3;

6. ♗e2 ♘f5 (6...♗d7 see 5...♗d7) 7. g4!? ♘h4 8. ♘×h4 ♕×h4 9. ♗e3 ♗d7 10. 0–0 ♕d8!? 11. ♘d2 ♕b6 12. ♖b1 c×d4 13. c×d4 a5 14. ♔h1 a4⇄ Sax – Glek, German League 1993/94;

6. ♗e3 ♘f5 7. ♗d3 ♘×e3 8. f×e3 ♗e7 9. 0–0 0–0 10. ♘bd2 ♗d7 11. a3 c4 12. ♗c2 b5 13. ♕e1 a5 14. ♕g3 b4∓ Kosić – Abramović, Yugoslav Championship, Tivat 1994;

6. ♗d3 c×d4 7. c×d4 ♘f5 see 5...♘h6 6. ♗d3.

93 6...♘f5 7. ♘c2 ♗d7? (7...c×d4) 8. ♗d3 c4 (8...c×d4 9. ♗×f5 e×f5 10. ♘c×d4 ♗e6 11. h4 h6 12. ♖h3!? Sveshnikov – Dvoiris, Cheliabinsk 1990; 12. ♗e3 ♗e7 13. ♕d2±) 9. ♗×f5 e×f5 10. ♘e3 ♗e6 11. g3 ♗e7 12. h4± Kupreichik – Furman, 37th USSR Championship, Moscow 1969.

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8...♘b4

a) 9. ♗d2 ♘×c2+ 10. ♕×c2 ♕b6 11. ♗c3 ♗e7 12. ♗d3 ♗d7 13. g4 ♘h4 14. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 15. 0–0–0 h5?! (15...♗b5!? 16. f4 ♗e7⇄) 16. ♖hg1 ♗g5+ 17. ♔b1 h4 18. ♖df1± Sveshnikov – Nikolenko, Moscow (Rapidplay) 1989;

b) 9. ♘×b4 ♗×b4+ 10. ♗d2 ♗×d2+ (10...♕a5 11. ♗d3 ♗×d2+ 12. ♕×d2 ♕×d2+ 13. ♔×d2± Karpachev – Lukov, Hyères 2001) 11. ♕×d2 ♕b6 12. ♗d3 ♗d7 13. ♗×f5 e×f5 14. 0–0± Psakhis – Chernin, 52nd USSR Championship, Riga 1985;

c) 9. ♗e2 ♘×c2+ 10. ♕×c2 ♕a5+ 11. ♗d2 ♗b4 12. a3 ♗×d2+ 13. ♕×d2 ♕×d2+ 14. ♔×d2 ♗d7 15. b4 0–0 16. b5 f6 17. ♖hc1 ± Grischuk – Pert, French League 2003;

8...♗d7 9. ♗d3 (9. ♗e2 ♘b4 10. ♘×b4 ♗×b4+ 11. ♗d2 ♕a5 12. ♗×b4 ♕×b4+ 13. ♕d2 ♕×d2+ 14. ♔×d2 ♘e7 15. ♖hc1 f6± Sieiro González – Gurevich, Havana 1986) 9...♘b4 10. ♗×f5 (10. ♘×b4 ♗×b4+ 11. ♗d2 ♗×d2+ 12. ♕×d2 ♕b6 13. ♗×f5 e×f5 14. 0–0 0–0 15. ♖fc1 ♖fc8 ± Romero Holmes – Bukal, Rom 1986) 10...e×f5 11. 0–0 ♖c8? 12. ♘×b4 ♗×b4 13. ♕b3 +– Sveshnikov – Suleimanov, Moscow (Rapidplay) 1990;

8...♗e7 9. ♗d3 ♘b4 (9...0–0? 10. g4! ♘h4 11. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 12. g5 ♗×g5 13. ♕h5 h6 14. ♖g1 ♗×c1 15. ♖×c1→ Sveshnikov – Faragó, Hastings 1984/85) 10. ♘×b4 ♗×b4+ 11. ♔f1 ♗d7 12. a3 ♗e7 13. g4 ♘h4 14. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 15. g5 ♗×g5 16. ♕g4 ♗×c1 17. ♕×g7 ♖f8 18. ♖×c1 ♕b6⇄ Sveshnikov – Tunik, Podolsk 1992.

95 9. ♗e2 ♗d7 see 5...♗d7 6. ♗e2.

96 9...♗d7!? 10. 0–0 a5! 11. ♗×f5 e×f5 12. ♗e3 ♘d8 13. ♖b1 h6 14. h4 ♗e7 15. h5 ♘e6 16. g3 g5⇄ Jonkman – Gurevich, Vlissingen 1997.

97 11. g3 ♗d7 12. ♔g2 ♖c8 13. ♗×f5?! e×f5 = Short – Vaganian, Candidates Tournament, Montpellier 1985.

98 11...♗d7 12. g4 ♘h6 13. ♖g1 ♘g8 14. ♖b1 a5 15. ♕e2 ♘b4 16. ♘×b4 a×b4 17. a3 ± Rohde – Spraggett, New York 1986.

99 13. ♔g2 ♗d7 14. ♗×f5 e×f5 15. ♗g5 ♗×g5 16. ♘×g5 f4 17. ♕f3! ± Malaniuk – Lputian, 53rd USSR Championship, Kiev 1986

100 **6. ♗e2** ♘f5 see 5...♘ge7;

6. a3 ♘f5 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♕b6 siehe 5...♕b6 (8...♗e7 9. ♗b2 0–0 10. ♗d3 a6 11. 0–0 f6 12. ♗×f5 e×f5 13. ♘c3 f4 14. ♖e1 ± Grischuk – Najer, St. Petersburg 1999);

6. ♗×h6 g×h6 7. d×c5 see 6. d×c5;

6. ♘a3 ♘f5 (6...c×d4 7. c×d4 ♗×a3 8. b×a3 ♘f5 9. ♗d3 ♕a5+ 10. ♗d2 ♕×a3 11. ♕b1 a6 12. 0–0 h6 13. ♖c1 ∞ I. Zaitsev – Mesropov, Moscow 1996) 7. ♘c2 ♗d7 8. ♗e2 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♗e7 10. 0–0 ♖c8 11. ♔h1 h5 12. a3 ♘a5⇄ Jonkman – Sadvakasov, Philadelphia 2003.

101 6...♕b6 7. d×c5 ♗×c5 8. 0–0 ♘g4 9. ♕e2 f6 10. e×f6 g×f6 ± 11. h3 ♘ge5 12. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 13. b4 ♗d6 14. ♗h6 ♕c7 15. ♗b5+ ♗d7 16. ♘a3⇄.

102 7. ♗×h6!? g×h6 8. c×d4 ♗d7 (8...♗g7 9. ♘c3 0–0 10. 0–0 f6 11. ♖e1 f×e5 12. d×e5 ±) 9. ♘c3 ♕b6 10. ♗b5 ♖g8 11. 0–0 ♘×e5?! (11...♖c8 12. ♖c1 ±; 11...a6!? 12. ♗×c6 ♗×c6 ±) 12. ♘×e5 ♗×b5 13. ♕h5 ♖g7 (13...0–0–0 14. ♘×b5 ♕×b5 15. ♕×f7 +–) 14. ♖fe1↑ Grischuk – Bareev, 17th EU Cup, Pánormos 2001.

103 9. 0–0!? ♗e7 10. ♘c3 g5 11. ♘e1 f4 12. h4 h6 13. ♕h5 ♘×d4 14. h×g5 ♗×g5 15. ♕d1 ♘c6 16. ♕×d5 ±.

104 **9...♗b4** 10. ♗d2 ♗×c3 11. ♗×c3 ♗e6 12. ♕d2 a5 13. a4 h6 14. h4 0–0 15. 0–0 ± Sveshnikov – Chernin, Sochi 1986;

9...h6 10. ♕b3 ♗b4 11. ♗d2 0–0 12. 0–0 ♗e6 13. ♘e2 a5 14. ♗×b4 a×b4 15. ♘f4 ♕b6 16. ♖fd1 ♖a5⇄ Sveshnikov – Lputian, Djermuk 1987.

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10. 0–0 ♗e7 (10...h6 11. ♘e1 ♗e7 12. f4 g5 13. ♘c2 ♕b6 14. ♕d3 0–0–0 15. ♗d2

♔b8 16. ♘a4 ♕c7 17. b4± I. Zaitsev – Volke, Podolsk 1991) 11. ♘e1 (11. ♕b3 ♖b8 12. ♘e2 g5 13. ♗d2 f4∓ Kholmov – Vasyukov, Beltsy 1979; 11. ♘e2 g5 12. ♕b3 ♖b8 13. ♗d2 f4! 14. ♖ac1 ♕d7 15. ♔h1 ♗f5 16. ♘e1 0–0 17. ♘d3 f6!⇄ Zhuravliov – Sveshnikov, Moscow 1975) 11...♖c8 12. ♘c2 0–0 13. ♕d3 ♕d7 14. f4 a6 15. ♗d2 f6 16. e×f6 ♗×f6= I. Zaitsev – Moskalenko, Moscow 1992;

10. h4 h6 (10...♗b4 11. ♗d2 ♗×c3 12. b×c3 h6 13. ♘g1 0–0 14. ♘e2 f6 15. ♘f4 ♗f7 16. e×f6± Vasyukov – Popović, Palma de Mallorca 1989) 11. ♔f1!? (11. ♗f4 ♕b6 12. ♕e2 a6 13. ♖d1 0–0–0!? 14. ♔f1 ♗e7= Edelman – Glek, Philadelphia 1990; 11. ♘e2 ♗e7) 11...♕d7 12. ♗d2 ♗e7 13. ♘e2 0–0–0 14. ♔g1 ♔b8 15. ♘f4± Christiansen – Andersson, FIDE World Championship (1), Groningen 1997.

106 10...♕b6 11. ♘f4 h6 12. h4 g6 13. ♔f1 (13. 0–0 ♗e7 14. g3 a5 15. ♔g2 a4 16. ♖b1 ±) 13...♗e7 14. g3 0–0–0 15. ♔g2± Sax – Gurevich, German League 1992/93.

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11...g6 12. ♗d2 ♕b6 13. ♖b1 a5 14. ♔f1 ♗e7 15. ♔g1 ♔d7 16. a3 ♕a6 17. ♗e3 a4 18. ♘f4 g5 19. h×g5 h×g5 20. ♖×h8 ♖×h8 21. ♘×e6 f×e6 22. ♗×g5 ♗×g5 23. ♘×g5 ♖h4 24. ♘f3 ♖g4 ∞ Adams – Vaganian, Lucerne 1997;

11...♗e7 12. h5! (12. ♔f1 ♕b6! 13. h5 0–0–0 14. g3 ♔b8 15. ♔g2 ♖c8 16. ♘f4 ♘b4 17. ♘e1 ♖c4= Schlosser – Glek, Odessa 1989; 12. ♘f4 ♕b6 13. ♖h3 g6 14. ♔f1 0–0–0 15. ♔g1 ♖dg8 16. ♖b1 g5⇄ Sveshnikov – Temirbaev, Kuibyshev 1986) 12...♕b6 (12...♕a5+ 13. ♔f1 ♖c8 14. ♔g1 ♔d7 15. ♘f4 ♖c7 16. ♖h3 ♖hc8⇄ Khalifman – Akopian, Dortmund 2000) 13. ♘f4 ♕a6 (13...♖c8 14. a3 ♘a5 15. b4 ♘c4 16. ♖h3 a5⇄ Kharlov – Kuporosov, Helsinki 1992; 13...0–0 14. 0–0 ♖fc8 15. ♖e1 ♖c7 16. ♖e2 ♖ac8 17. ♗e3 ♘b4⇄ Tiviakov – Arizmendi Martínez, Istanbul 2003) 14. ♗d2 ♖c8 15. ♖h3 0–0 16. ♖g3± Sveshnikov – Naumkin, Moscow 1987.

108 12. ♗d2 ♕a6.

109 13. ♔g1 ♖c8 14. ♘f4 ♕b6 [14...g6 15. a3?! (15. ♖h3±) 15...♕b6 16. b4 a5 17. ♖b1 a×b4 18. a×b4 ♘a7= Adams – Lputian, Pula 1997] 15. h5 0–0⇄; 15...♘b4?! 16. ♗d2 ♘c2? (⌓ 16...♖c6⇄) 17. ♘×e6 f×e6 18. ♖c1 ♕×b2 19. ♘e1!± Sveshnikov – Psakhis, Sochi 1997.

110 **6...♘g4?** 7. ♕a4! h5 8. h3 ♘h6 9. ♗e3 ♘f5 10. ♗d4± Sveshnikov – Bareev, European Club Cup, Moscow 1991;

6...♕c7?! 7. b4! ♘g4 (7...♘×e5!? Lempert) 8. ♗f4 f6 (Mukhametov – Lempert, Moscow 1992) 9. ♗b5!±.

111 7. ♗×h6 g×h6 8. b4 [8. ♗d3 f6 9. e×f6 (9. b4 ♗f8 10. b5 ♘×e5 11. ♘×e5 f×e5 12. ♕h5+ ♔d7 13. ♕×e5 ♖g8 14. g3 ♗d6∓ Khalifman – Kaidanov, Moscow 1987) 9...♕×f6 10. 0–0 0–0 11. ♗c2 ♖f7 12. ♘bd2 ♗d7 13. ♘b3 ♗b6 14. ♕e2 e5⇄ Short – Glek, Cap d'Agde (Rapidplay) 1996] 8...♗f8 9. b5 ♘e7! 10. ♗d3 ♗g7 11. 0–0 ♘g6⇄ Sveshnikov – Glek, Moscow 1991.

112 **7...♗f8** 8. b5 ♘a5 (8...♘e7 9. ♗d3 ♘ef5 10. 0–0±) 9. ♗d3 f6 10. ♗×h6 g×h6 11. ♘d4 ♕c7 12. e×f6 ♕e5+ 13. ♗e2 ♗d6 14. f7+!± (Sveshnikov – Jolles, Torcy 1991) 14...♔×f7 15. g3 ♔g7 16. 0–0;

7...♗×f2+?! 8. ♔×f2 ♘g4+ 9. ♔g3 ♘c×e5 10. ♗b5+ ♗d7 11. ♕e2±.

113 8. ♗×h6 g×h6 9. b5 ♘e7 10. ♗d3 (10. ♕d2 ♘g6 11. ♕×h6 ♕c7 12. ♕g5 ♗d7 ∞) 10... ♘g6 11. 0–0 ♕c7! (11...f6 12. ♗×g6+ h×g6 13. ♕d3 ♔f7 14. e×f6 ♕×f6 15. ♘bd2 ♖d8?! 16. ♖ae1 a6 17. ♘e5+ ± Sveshnikov – Dukhov, Moscow 1992) 12. ♖e1 0–0 13. a4 ♗d7 14. ♖a2 (14. ♕d2 !? ±) 14...f6 15. ♗×g6 (15. e×f6 ♖×f6 16. c4 ⇄) 15...h×g6 16. ♕d3 f5 17. ♘bd2 ♖fc8 18. ♖c2 a6 ∞ Sveshnikov – Nikolaev, Moscow 1992.

114 8...♘a5 9. ♗×h6 g×h6 10. ♕d2 ♗d7 11. ♕×h6 ♕e7 !? [11...♕c7 12. ♕f6 ♖f8 13. ♗e2 !? (13. ♗d3 ♘c4 14. 0–0 ♗×b5 15. ♘bd2 ±) 13...♘c4 14. a4 ♕c5 (14...♗c5 15. ♗×c4 ♗e7 16. ♕f4 ♕×c4 17. ♕×c4 d×c4 18. ♘bd2 a6 19. 0–0 ±; 14...a6 15. b×a6 ♖×a6 16. 0–0 ♖×a4 17. ♖×a4 ♗×a4 18. ♗d3 ∞ Sveshnikov – Moskalenko, PCA 1994) 15. ♘g5 ♗d8 16. ♕g7 ♗×g5 17. ♕×g5 ♕c7 ⇄] 12. ♗d3 0–0–0 13. 0–0 ♖df8 14. ♘bd2 ♔b8 15. a4 f6 16. c4 ♗c8 ∞ Sveshnikov – Cherniaev, Moscow 1996.

115 **9...♘g4** 10. 0–0 ♘g6 11. ♗×g6 f×g6 (11...h×g6 12. ♕a4 ±) 12. ♕a4 (12. h3 ♘h6 13. ♗×h6 g×h6 14. ♘bd2 0–0 15. c4 a6 ⇄ Grischuk – Bareev, Cannes (Rapidplay) 2001) 12...♘h6 13. ♘bd2 (13. ♗a3 ±) 13...0–0 14. ♗a3 ♖f7 15. c4 ±;

9...♘hf5 10. g4 ♘h6 11. ♗×h6 g×h6 12. ♕d2 ±.

116 **12. ♕a4?!** ♗d7 13. h4 f5 14. h5 ♘h8 15. ♘bd2 ♘f7 16. c4 ♘g5 17. c×d5 e×d5 18. ♖ae1 Gallagher – Glek, Dubai 1993 18...♘e6 !? ∓;

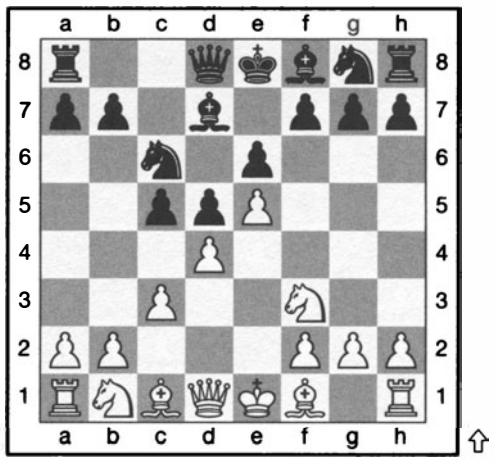
12. ♕c2 !? ±.

117 12...f6 13. ♗×g6 h×g6 14. ♕d3 ♔g7 15. ♘bd2 ♗d7 16. c4 ± f×e5 17. c×d5 [17. ♘×e5! ♗e8 18. ♘df3 ♖c8 (18...a6 19. a5 ♗c5 20. c×d5 ♕×d5 21. ♕c2 ±) 19. ♖ad1 d×c4 20. ♕e4 ♕c7 21. ♘d4 ↑] 17...e×d5 18. ♕×d5 ♗f5 19. ♕×e5+ ♕f6 ∞ Sveshnikov – Moskalenko, Rostov on Don 1993.

Notes

Table 4

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7



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17	a3	♗d3[119]	0–0[121]	♖e1[123]	d×e5[124]	♗c2	♘bd2[125]	b4	
	f6[118]	♕c7[120]	0–0–0[122]	f×e5	c4!?	♗c5	♘h6	♗b6[126]	⇄
18	d×c5!	b4[128]	b5	♗d3	a4	♕e2	b×a6	0–0	
	♗×c5[127]	♗b6	♘a5[129]	♘c4[130]	♕c7	a6	♖×a6	♘e7[131]	=
19	♗e2	0–0	♘×e5[134]	d×e5	c4[137]	♗g5[138]	♗g4[140]	♘c3	
	f6[132]	f×e5[133]	♘×e5[135]	♗c6[136]	♘e7	♕d7[139]	♘g6[141]	d×c4[142]	±
20	...	0–0[143]	c×d4	♘c3	♗e3!?[146]	♗d3	f×e3	e4!	
	♘ge7	c×d4[144]	♘f5	a6[145]	♗e7	♘×e3	0–0	♘b4[147]	⇄
21	...	...	♘a3[148]	c×d4	b×a3	♗e3	f×e3	♖b1!?[152]	
	...	♘f5	c×d4	♗×a3[149]	♕b6!?[150]	♘×e3[151]	♕d8	b6[153]	=
22	...	...	♗e3[154]	d×c5!?[156]	♘a3	♘×e5	♘b5[158]	♗×b5+	
	...	♘g6!?	♗e7[155]	♕c7[157]	♘c×e5	♘×e5	♗×b5	♘c6[159]	⇄

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6...c4!? 7. g3 (7. ♗f4 ♕b6 8. ♕c2 f6 9. ♘bd2 g5 10. ♗g3 g4 11. ♘h4 f×e5 12. d×e5 ♘h6 13. ♗e2 ♗g7∓ Sveshnikov – Gulko, Volgodonsk 1981) 7...♕b6 8. ♘bd2 ♘a5 9. ♗h3 0–0–0 10. 0–0 ♗e7 11. ♘e1 h5 12. f4 g6 13. ♘df3± Sveshnikov – Kalinin, Kharkov 1978;

6...a5 7. ♗d3 ♘ge7 8. h4 ♕b6 9. ♗c2 ♘f5 10. 0–0 ♘h6 11. h5± Sveshnikov – Gulko, Cheliabinsk 1981;

6...♘ge7 7. ♗d3 ♘g6 8. h4 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♕b6 10. ♗c2 ♖c8 11. ♘c3 ♘ge7 12. ♖b1 ♘a5 13. 0–0 ♘c4 14. ♕e2 ♘c6 15. ♖d1± Sveshnikov – Torre, Wijk aan Zee 1981;

6...♖c8 7. ♗d3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♕b6 9. ♗c2 g5!? (9...♘×d4?! 10. ♘×d4 ♗c5 11. ♘f3 ♗×f2+ 12. ♔e2±) 10. h3 ♘×d4 11. ♘×d4 ♗c5 12. ♘e2 ♗×f2+ 13. ♔f1 f6 (Sveshnikov – Chernin, 52nd USSR Championship, Riga 1985) 14. ♘bc3!±.

119 7. b4 c4! (7...f×e5 8. b5!? ♘a5 9. ♘×e5 ♘f6 10. ♗g5!? ♗e7 11. ♗d3 0–0 12. ♘d2±) 8. ♗f4 ♘h6 9. e×f6 g×f6 10. g3 ♘f7 11. ♗g2 ♗g7 12. ♗e3 ♘e7 13. ♘h4 ♘g6 14. ♕h5 ♘×h4 15. ♕×h4 0–0⇄ Sveshnikov – Razuvaev, Sochi 1986.

120 7...f×e5!? 8. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 9. d×e5 ♘e7 (9...♕h4!?⇄) 10. 0–0 ♕c7∞;

7...c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘h6 9. 0–0 ♘f7 10. ♖e1 ♗e7 11. ♘c3 0–0 12. ♕c2 f5 13. ♘×d5!? e×d5 14. e6±.

121 8. ♗f4!? 0–0–0 9. b4 [9. 0–0 c4 10. ♗c2 ♕b6 11. b3 c×b3 12. ♗×b3 g5 13. ♗e3 g4 14. ♘e1 f5 15. ♘d3 ♘a5 16. ♗c2 ♔b8 17. a4 (17. ♘d2 ♖c8 18. ♖b1 ♕c7 19. ♘b3 ♘×b3 20. ♖×b3 ♗a4 21. ♖b2 ♗×c2 22. ♕×c2 ♗×a3 23. ♖b3 ♗f8 24. ♖fb1 b6 25. ♘c5↑) 17...♖c8 18. ♕e2 ♕a6±, van Wely – Topalov, Dortmund 2005] 9...c4 10. ♗c2 f×e5 11. ♗×e5! ♘×e5 12. ♘×e5 ♘h6 13. ♘d2±, Karmov – Kalinichenko, corr. 1993/94.

122 8...f×e5 9. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 10. ♗f4! ♕b6 11. ♗×e5 ♕×b2 12. ♕h5+ ♔e7 13. ♕g5+ ♘f6 14. ♘d2→;

8...c4 9. ♗c2 0–0–0 10. ♖e1 f×e5 11. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 12. d×e5 ♗c5 13. ♗e3 ♗×e3 14. ♖×e3 ♘e7= Hába – Potkin, Pardubice 2002.

123 9. ♗f4 c4 10. ♗c2 h6! 11. h4 ♗e8 12. b3 c×b3 13. ♗×b3 ♗h5 14. ♘bd2 f×e5 15. d×e5 ♗c5∓ Adams – Epishin, Ter Apel 1992;

9. ♕e2 h6 10. b4 c4 11. ♗c2 f5 12. ♘h4 ♗e8 13. f4 ♗e7∞ Grischuk – Short, Reykjavík 2000.

124 10. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 11. d×e5 (11. ♗f4?! c4 12. ♗c2 ♕b6 13. ♗×e5 ♕×b2 14. ♘d2 ♕×c3∓).

125 12. ♗e3 ♗×e3 13. ♖×e3 ♘h6 14. h3 ♘f7 15. ♕e2 g5 16. ♘bd2 ♖dg8 17. b3 h5⇄.

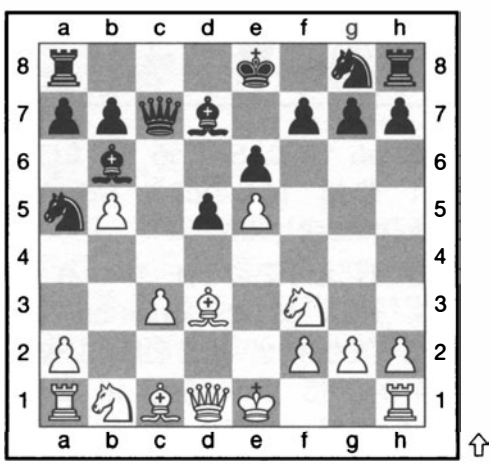
126 14. h3 ♘f7 15. ♕e2⇄ Alekseev – S. Ivanov, St. Petersburg, 1999.

127 6...♕c7?! 7. ♗f4 (7. ♘a3!? ♘×e5 8. ♘b5 ♘×f3+ 9. ♕×f3 ♕e5+ 10. ♔d1 ♖c8 11. ♗f4 ♕f6 12. ♕g3 ♕g6 13. ♘×a7± Nikolenko – Shur, Asov 1991) 7... ♘ge7 8. ♗d3 ♘g6 9. ♗×g6 f×g6 10. b4 a5 11. ♕d2 a×b4 12. c×b4 b6 13. b5 ♘a5 14. c6 ♗×c6 15. b×c6 ♘b3 16. a×b3 ♖×a1 17. 0–0± Sveshnikov – Katishonok, Riga (Rapidplay) 1990.

128 7. ♗d3 ♘ge7 (7...a5!?; 7...f6 8. b4 ♗e7 9. b5 ♘×e5 10. ♘×e5 f×e5 11. ♕h5+ ♔f8 12. ♕×e5 ♗f6 13. ♕d6+ ♘e7 14. 0–0 e5∞ Sveshnikov – Savon, Zonal Tournament, Lvov 1978) 8. b4 (8. 0–0 ♘g6 9. ♖e1 ♕c7 10. ♗×g6 f×g6!? 11. ♗f4 0–0 12. ♗g3 ♘e7∓ Sveshnikov – Balashov, 44th USSR Championship, Moscow 1976) 8...♗b6 9. b5 ♘a5 10. 0–0 ♖c8! 11. a4 ♘g6 12. ♖e1 (12. ♗a3 ♗c5 13. ♗×c5 ♖×c5 14. g3 ♕c7 15. ♖e1 ♘c4= Sveshnikov – Balashov, Zonal Tournament, Lvov 1978) 12...f6 13. ♖a2 0–0 14. ♗×g6 h×g6 15. ♕d3 ♔f7 16. ♗e3 ♖h8 17. ♖ae2 ♘c4 18. ♗d4± Sveshnikov – Naumkin, Moscow 1989.

129 8...♘ce7 9. ♗d3 ♕c7 10. 0–0 ♘g6 11. ♖e1 ♘8e7 12. a4 f6 13. ♗×g6+ ♘×g6 (13...h×g6 14. ♗a3∞) 14. e×f6 g×f6 15. ♕×d5∞ Kharlov – Dolmatov, Moscow 1991.

130 9...♕c7



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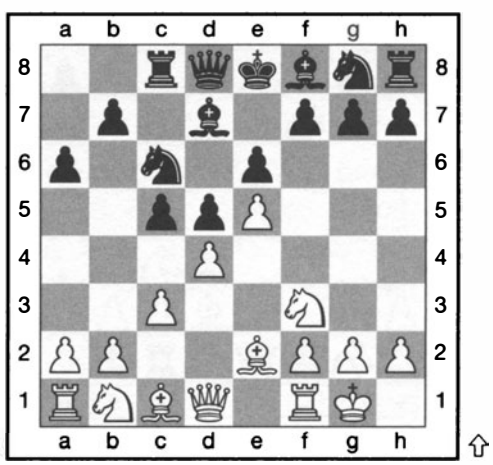
b) 10. 0–0 ♘e7 11. a4 ♘g6 12. ♖e1 ♗c5 13. ♖a2 0–0–0 14. ♗e3± Sveshnikov – Popović, Palma de Mallorca 1989.

131 **13...♖×a4** 14. ♖×a4 ♗×a4 15. ♘a3≅;

13...♘e7 14. ♘a3 ♖×a4 15. ♘×c4 d×c4 (15...♖×a1? 16. ♘d6+ ♔f8 17. ♘g5+–) 16. ♖×a4 ♗×a4 17. ♗×c4 0–0 18. ♗d3! ♘g6! 19. h4 ♗c6 20. h5 ♗×f3 21. g×f3 ♕×e5! 22. h×g6 ♕g3+ 23. ♔h1 ♕h3+= Sveshnikov – Kharlov, Böblingen 1992

132 6...♖c8 7. 0–0 a6



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b) 8. a3 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♘ge7 10. ♘c3 ♘f5 11. g4 [11. ♗e3 ♗e7 12. ♗d3 ♘×e3 13. f×e3 0–0 14. ♖f2 f6 15. ♕c2 f5= Ivanović – Bareev, Moscow (Blitz) 1993] 11...♘h4 12. ♘×h4 ♕×h4 13. ♗e3 g5 14. ♘a4 h5⇄ Xie Jun – Karpov, Guanzhou (Rapidplay) 2000;

c) 8. b3 ♘ge7 9. ♗b2 ♘f5 10. ♗d3 c×d4 11. ♗×f5 e×f5 12. ♘×d4 ♗e7 13. ♖e1 0–0 14. ♕d3 ♘×d4 15. c×d4 ♕a5 16. ♘c3 ♖c6 17. a3 ♗e6 18. b4 ♕c7 19. f4± Sveshnikov – Epishin, Moscow 1992;

d) 8. ♔h1 c×d4! (8...♘ge7 9. d×c5! ♘g6 10. ♗e3 ♘c×e5 11. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 12. b4 ♗e7 13. ♘d2 ♘c6 14. f4± Grischuk – Radjabov, Dubai 2002) 9. c×d4 ♘ge7 10. ♘c3 ♘g6 11. ♗d3 ♗e7 12. ♗e3 0–0 13. ♖e1 ♘a5

14. ♖c1 ♘c4 15. ♖c2 ♘×e3 16. f×e3 b5⇄ Grischuk – Radjabov, Dubai 2002;

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7...♕c7 8. ♗f4 0–0–0 (8...♘ge7 9. ♗g3 ♘f5 10. e×f6 ♘×g3 11. f7+ ♔×f7 12. f×g3 ♔g8 13. d×c5 ♗×c5+ 14. ♔h1 ♖f8 15. c4 d4 16. a3± Prié – Dimitrov, Sofia 1990) 9. ♗g3 ♕b6 10. ♕c1 f×e5 11. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 12. ♗×e5 ♘f6 13. b4 c4 14. a4 ♗d6 15. a5 ♕c7 16. ♕e3 ♔b8 17. ♘d2 ♗c8 18. ♖ae1± Sveshnikov – Atanasov, Berlin 1989;

7...♕b6 8. d×c5 (8. a3 f×e5 9. d×e5 c4 10. ♘bd2 ♘a5 11. ♘d4 ♗c5 12. ♘2f3 ♘e7∓ Jonkman – Stellwagen, Wijk aan Zee 2003) 8...♗×c5 9. b4 ♗e7 10. ♗f4 (10. c4 d×c4 11. ♘a3 ♘×e5 12. ♘×e5 f×e5 13. ♘×c4 ♕×b4 14. a4⩲ Degraeve – Bricard, French Championship, Val d'Isère 2002) 10...f×e5 11. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 12. ♗×e5 ♘f6 13. a4 a5 14. b×a5 ♖×a5 15. ♘d2 0–0 16. ♖b1 ♕a7 17. ♗b5± Polgár – Topalov, Dos Hermanas 1994.

134 8. d×e5 ♕c7 9. c4!? (9. ♘a3 a6 10. ♗f4 ♘h6 11. ♘c2 ♘f7 12. c4 d4 13. ♗d3 ♗e7 14. ♕e2 g5 15. ♗g3 0–0–0∓ Kupreichik – Gulko, 44th USSR Championship, Moscow 1976; 9. ♖e1 0–0–0 10. ♗d3 ♘h6 11. ♘a3 a6 12. ♗g5 ♖e8 13. ♗f4 ♗e7 14. ♕d2 ♖ef8 15. ♘c2 c4 16. ♗f1 ♖hg8∓ Movsesian – Shirov, German League 1999/2000) 9...d4 10. ♗f4 ♘h6 11. ♘bd2 ♘f7 12. ♘e4 ♗e7 13. ♗d3 0–0–0 14. ♖e1 ♖df8 15. ♗g3 g5 16. ♘f6 h5 17. h3∞ Motylev – J. Ivanov, St. Petersburg 1997.

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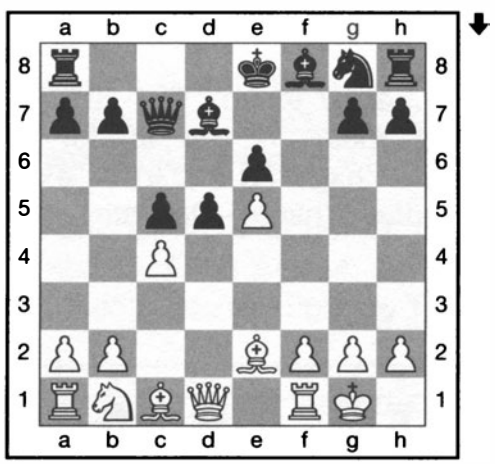
136 **9...♕c7** 10. c4



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b) 10...d4 11. ♗f4 ♘e7 (11...0–0–0 12. ♘d2 ♗c6 13. ♗d3 g5!?↑ Jonkman – Smeets, Groningen 2002) 12. ♘d2 ♘f5 13. ♗d3 ♗e7 14. ♘e4 0–0 15. ♕g4 ♔h8 16. ♕h3 ♕d8 17. ♗d2 ♗e8 18. g4 ♘h4 19. f4± I. Zaitsev – Tarjan, Quito 1977;

c) 10...♘e7 11. ♘c3 d4 12. ♘e4 ♕×e5 13. ♖e1 0–0–0 14. ♗f3 ♖e8 15. b4 c×b4 16. a3⩲ Milos – Rodríguez, Santos 2003;

d) 10...0–0–0 11. c×d5 ♕×e5 12. ♗f3 e×d5 [12...♗d6 13. g3 e×d5 14. ♗f4 ♕f6 15. ♘c3 ♗c6 16. ♘×d5 ♕d4 (Sveshnikov – Psakhis, Sochi 1984) 17. ♕c2!±] 13. ♖e1 ♕d6! 14. g3!? ♘f6 15. ♗f4 ♕a6! 16. ♘c3 d4 17. ♘e4 ♘×e4 18. ♖×e4⩲ Sveshnikov – Vaisser, Sochi 1984;

9...♘e7 10. ♗g5 (10. c4!?) 10...♕c7 11. ♗h5+ g6 12. ♗f6 ♖g8 13. ♗g4 ♗g7 14. ♖e1 ♔f7?! (14...♘c6!? 15. ♕e2 ♗×f6 16. e×f6 0–0–0! 17. ♗×e6 ♗×e6 18. ♕×e6+ ♕d7∞ Glek) 15. c4!± Glek – Yurtaev, Tashkent 1987.

137 10. ♗d3 ♕d7 11. ♗g5 ♘h6 12. ♘d2 ♘f7 13. ♗h4 ♗e7 14. ♗×e7 ♕×e7 15. f4 0–0–0 16. ♕e2 ♔b8 17. ♖ae1 g6 18. a3 c4!∞ Ivanchuk – Short, 34th Olympiad, Novi Sad 1990.

138 11. ♗g4 ♕d7 12. ♘c3 d×c4 13. ♕e2 ♘f5 14. ♕×c4 ♘d4 15. a4 h5 16. ♗h3 ♕f7∞ Sax – Speelman, Hastings 1990/91.

139 11...d×c4 12. ♘d2! (12. ♗×c4 ♕×d1 13. ♖×d1 ♘d5 14. ♘c3 h6 15. ♗h4 g5 16. ♗g3±) 12...♕d5 13. ♗h5+ ♘g6 14. ♕g4 ♗e7□ 15. ♗×g6+ h×g6 16. ♗×e7 ♔×e7 17. ♘×c4 ♕e4 18. ♕g5+± Benjamin – Gulko, Groningen 1993.

140 12. ♗h5+! g6 (12...♘g6 13. ♕c2 ♕f7 14. c×d5±) 13. ♗f6 ♖g8 14. ♗f3±.

141 12...d×c4 13. ♕×d7+! ♗×d7 14. ♘d2±.

142 **13...d4** 14. ♘d5;

13...d×c4 14. ♕e2 ♗e7 (14...♕d3 15. ♕e1! h6 16. ♖d1 h×g5 17. ♖×d3 c×d3 18. g3!±) 15. ♖ad1± ♕c7 16. ♗×e7 (16. ♗c1?! Sveshnikov – Panbukchian, Anapa 1991) 16...♕×e7 17. f4!±.

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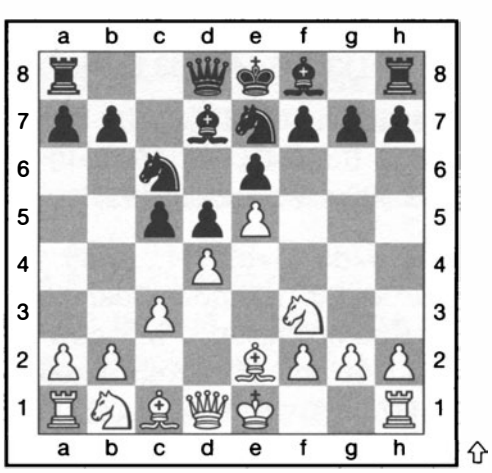

7. d×c5!? ♘g6 8. ♗e3 ♘g×e5 9. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 10. f4 ♘c6 11. ♘d2 b6 12. ♘b3 b×c5 13. ♘×c5 ♕b6 14. ♘×e6!? (14. ♘×d7 ♕×e3 15. ♘×f8 ♔×f8 16. ♕d2 ♕×d2+ 17. ♔×d2 ♔e7 18. b4⇄ Velimirović – Züger, Lucerne 1989) 14...♕×e3 15. ♘c7+ ♔d8 16. ♘×d5 ⩲ (16. ♘×d5 ♕e6 17. ♕d2⩲; 16. ♘×a8 ♗c5 17. ♕×d5 ♕f2+ 18. ♔d1 ♖e8∞);

7. h4!?

a) 7...h5 8. ♘a3 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♘f5 10. ♘c2 ♕b6 11. 0–0 ♘b4 12. ♘e3 ♘×e3 13. f×e3 ♗e7 14. a3 ♘c6 15. b4± Sveshnikov – Kholopov, Cheliabinsk (Rapidplay) 1997;

b) 7...♕c7 8. ♘a3 a6 9. ♘c2 c×d4 10. c×d4 ♘a5 11. b3 ♖c8 12. ♘e3 ♘ec6 13. 0–0 ♗e7 14. ♗d2 0–0 15. ♗d3 f5 16. e×f6 ♗×f6 17. ♖c1± Sveshnikov – Sæther, Gausdal 1992;

c) 7...♕b6 8. d×c5! ♕×c5 9. h5 ♕b6 10. ♘a3 ♘f5 11. ♕b3 ♗c5 12. ♕×b6 ♗×b6 13. g4 ♘h6 14. ♖g1 ♗c7 15. ♘b5 ♗b8 16. ♗f4± Sveshnikov – Bashkov, Satka (Rapidplay) 2003;

d) 7...c×d4!? 8. c×d4 ♕b6 9. ♘a3 ♘f5 10. ♘c2 ♘b4 (10...♗b4+ 11. ♔f1 h5 12. a3 ♗e7 13. b4 ♖c8 14. g3 f6 15. ♗d3 f×e5 16. ♗×f5 e×f5 17. d×e5± Topalov – Nikolić, Monte Carlo (blind) 1997) 11. ♘×b4 (11. ♔f1 h5 12. g3 ♗b5 13. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5+ 14. ♔g2∓ Movsesian – Nikolić, German League 2002/03) 11...♗×b4+ 12. ♔f1 ♖c8 13. g4 ♘h6 14. ♗×h6 g×h6 15. ♖c1 ♖×c1 16. ♕×c1⇄.

144 7...♖c8 8. ♘a3 (8. ♖e1 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♘f5 10. ♘c3 ♗e7 11. a3 0–0= Menvielle Lacourrelle – Larsen, Las Palmas 1976; 8. d×c5 ♘g6 9. b4 ♗e7 10. ♗e3 ♘c×e5 11. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 12. ♘d2⇄ Peng Xiaomin – Yusupov, 33rd Olympiad, Elista 1998) 8...c×d4 9. c×d4! ♘f5 10. ♘c2

10...♕b6

a) 11. ♗d3!? a5 (11...♘f×d4? 12. ♘f×d4 ♘×d4 13. ♗e3 ♗c5 14. b4+–; 11...♘b4 12. ♘×b4 ♗×b4 13. a3 ♗e7 14. ♗×f5 e×f5 15. ♗g5 ♗×g5 16. ♘×g5 0–0 17. ♕d2 ♖c4= Benjamin – Gulko, US Championship, Key West 1994) 12. a3 a4 13. ♗×f5 e×f5 14. ♘e3 ♕b5 15. b3! a×b3 16. ♖b1↑ Guido – Foisor, Montecatini Terme 1994; 16. a4? b2!–+;

b) 11. ♕d3?! a6 12. a4 (12. g4 ♘fe7 13. a4?! ♘a5 14. b4 ♘c4 15. ♕b3 ♘c6∓ Yanovsky – Kindermann, Biel 1991) 12...♘b4 13. ♘×b4 ♗×b4 14. h4 h6 15. h5 ♘e7 16. ♗f4 ♘c6 17. ♖fc1 ♗a5⇄ Sveshnikov – Dizdar, Slovenian League, Celje 2003;

c) 11. ♔h1 !? ♘a5 [11...♘b4 12. ♘×b4 ♕×b4 13. a4!? a5 (⌓ 13...♕a5) 14. ♗d2 ♕b6 15. g4 ♘e7 16. b4 a×b4 17. a5 ♕c7 18. ♗×b4 ♘g6 19. ♗d2!± Dvoiris – Gleizerov, Hoogeveen 2000] 12. g4 ♘e7 13. ♘fe1 ♗b5 14. ♘d3! h5!? 15. g×h5 ♘f5 16. ♗e3± Grischuk – Gulko, Esbjerg 2000;

d) 11. g4! ♘fe7 12. ♘fe1 [12. ♘h4!? ♘b4 (12...♘g6 13. ♘g2 f6 14. e×f6 g×f6⇄ Sveshnikov – Atalik, Slovenian League, Bled 1999) 13. ♘×b4 ♕×b4 14. f4 ♘c6 (14...♗b5 15. ♕d2 ♕a4 16. b3 ♕a6 17. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 18. f5 ♘c6 19. ♗b2= Sveshnikov – Gleizerov, Russian League, Podolsk 1992) 15. ♗e3 ♗e7 16. ♘g2± Sveshnikov – Ulibin, Russian League, Podolsk 1992] 12...h5?! (12...g6; 12...♘d8) 13. g×h5 ♘f5 14. ♗e3!± Sveshnikov – Skalkotas, Athens 1983;

10...♗e7 11. g4 ♘h4 12. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 13. f4∞.

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9...♗e7 10. g4 ♘h4 (10...♘h6 11. h3 0–0 12. ♗e3 f6 13. e×f6 ♖×f6 14. ♘e5 ♖f8 15. f4 ♗b4 16. ♗f3 ♗×c3 17. b×c3± Sveshnikov – Lalić, Sochi 1987) 11. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 12. ♗e3 0–0 13. f4 f6 14. e×f6 ♗×f6 15. ♖c1 g6 16. ♕d2= Nunn – Anand, Munich 1991;

9...♖c8 10. ♔h1 !? (10. ♗e3) 10...a6 11. g4 ♘fe7 12. ♗d3 ♘a5 13. ♖g1 ♘ec6 14. ♖g3 ♕b6⇄ Vatter – Kindermann, Baden-Baden 1993;

9...h5?! 10. ♗g5 ♗e7 11. ♗×e7 ♕×e7 12. ♕d2± Romero Holmes – Korchnoi, Wijk aan Zee 1992.

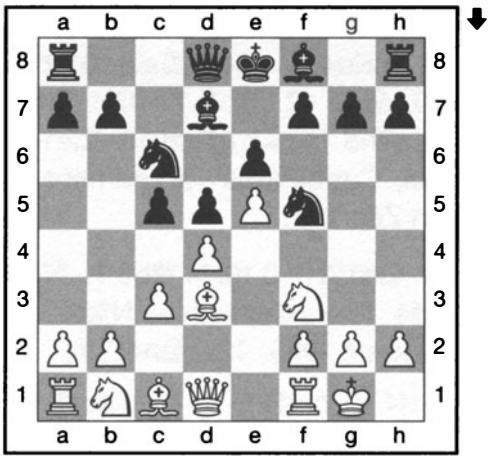
146 **10. g4** ♘h4 11. ♘×h4 ♕×h4 12. ♗e3 ♗e7 13. f4 f6⇄;

10. ♗f4!? ♕b6 11. ♘a4 ♕a7 12. ♗e3 b5 13. ♘c3 b4 (13...f6 14. ♗d3±) 14. ♘a4±;

10. ♔h1 ♖c8 11. ♗e3 ♗e7 12. ♗d3 ♘×e3 13. f×e3 0–0 14. ♖c1 f6 15. e×f6 ♗×f6⇄ Palleja – Dizdar, Montpellier 1997.

147 14. e×d5 ♘×d3 (14...e×d5 15. ♗b1 ♗e6 16. ♘e2± Kharlov – Dokhoian, 58th USSR Championship, Moscow 1991) 15. d×e6! ♘×e5! 16. ♘×e5 ♗×e6 17. d5 ♕b6+! (17...♗f6 18. ♕d4 ♗×e5 19. ♕×e5 ♗d7± Kharlov) 18. ♔h1 ♖ad8 19. ♕f3 ♗c8⇄.

148 8. ♗d3!?



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8...c×d4 9. ♗×f5 e×f5 10. ♘×d4 ♗e7 11. ♕b3 (11. ♘f3 ♗e6 12. ♗e3 g5! 13. ♘a3! f4 14. ♗d4 ♖g8 15. ♘e1∞ Romanishin – Hort, Biel 1987) 11...♘×d4 (11...♗c8 12. f4 0–0 13. ♗e3 f6 14. e×f6 ♗×f6 15. ♘d2± Kupreichik – Kosten, Val Maubuée 1989) 12. c×d4 ♕b6 (12...♗c6 13. ♕g3±) 13. ♕×b6 (13. ♘c3 ♗e6 14. ♕a4+ ♗d7 15. ♕b3= Stević – Dizdar, Croatian League, Medulin 2002) 13...a×b6 14. ♘c3 ♗e6 15. a3 (15. f4!? ♔d7⇄) 15...♔d7 16. f4 ♖hc8= Reefat – Barsov, Dhaka 2001.

149 9...♗e7 10. ♘c2 0–0 11. g4 ♘h4 12. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 13. f4 f6 (13...f5 14. ♗d3±) 14. ♗e3 ♖c8 15. ♗d3 g6 16. ♕d2± Sveshnikov – Leito, (Rapidplay) 2000.

150 10...0–0 11. ♖b1 ♕c7 12. ♗d3 ♖fc8∞ Sax – Dreev, Tilburg (Rapidplay) 1992.

151 11...0–0 12. ♗d3 ♖ac8 13. g4 ♘×e3 14. f×e3 ♕d8 15. ♕e1 f5 16. g×f5 e×f5 17. ♖b1 b6 18. ♕g3± Rozentalis – Züger, Chiasso 1991.

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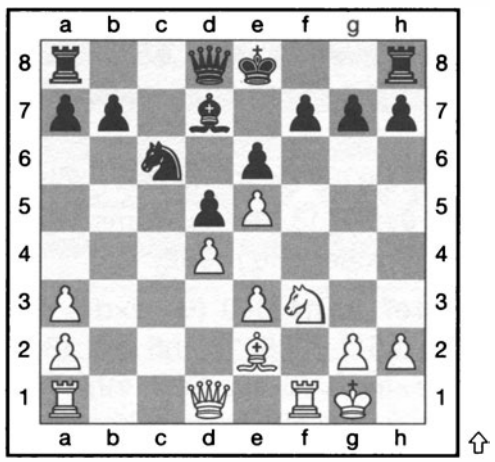

13. ♗d3 ♖c8 14. ♖c1 ♕e7 15. ♖c5 0–0! 16. ♕b1 b6 17. ♖c2 (17. ♖c3? ♘×d4!! 18. ♗×h7+ ♔h8 19. ♖×c8 ♘×f3+ 20. ♖×f3 ♖×c8 21. ♖h3 ♕×a3–+; 17. ♗×h7+? ♔h8 18. ♖cc1 g6 19. ♗×g6 f×g6 20. ♕×g6 ♕h7!∓) 17...h6 18. ♗a6 ♖cd8= Shirov – Topalov, Dos Hermanas 1997;

13. ♕b1!? b6 14. e4 0–0 15. ♗d3 h6 16. e×d5 e×d5 17. h3± Sveshnikov – Iskusnykh, St. Petersburg 1997.

153 **13...♘a5!** 14. ♕e1 0–0 15. ♗d3 ♖c8 16. e4 ♗c6=.

13...b6 14. ♗b5 ♖c8 15. ♕a4 0–0 16. ♗×c6 ♖×c6 17. ♕×a7 ♗e8 18. ♖fc1 ♖×c1+ 19. ♖×c1 f6 20. ♕c7± Sveshnikov – Luther, Nova Gorica 2000.

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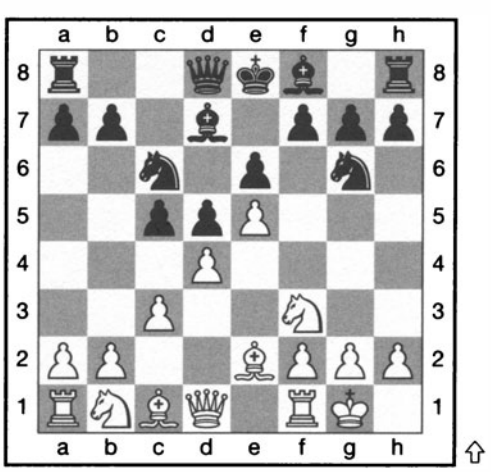

8. g3!?

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b) 8...♕b6 9. a3 c4 10. h4 h6 11. ♘bd2 ♘a5 12. ♖e1 0–0–0 13. ♖b1± Adams–Vaganian, Oviedo (Fischer Blitz) 1992;

c) 8...♗e7 9. h4 0–0 (9...c×d4 10. c×d4 0–0 11. h5!? ♘h8 12. h6 g6 13. ♘bd2 f6 14. e×f6 ♗×f6 15. ♘b3 ♘f7 16. ♘h2! ♘d6 17. ♗g4⇄ Hjartarson–Korchnoi, Amsterdam 1991) 10. h5 ♘h8 11. h6 g6 12. d×c5 [12...♗×c5!? 13. c4 f6! (13...d×c4 14. ♘c3 ♗e7 15. ♘e4 g5 16. ♗×g5 ♗×g5 17. ♘f×g5 ♘×e5 18. f4± Gdański–Przewoźnik, 49th Polish Championship, Częstochowa 1992) 14. c×d5 ♘×e5 15. ♕b3 ♘×f3+ 16. ♗×f3 e5 17. ♘c3 ♘f7 18. d6 ♔h8 19. ♕×b7 ♖b8 (19...♖c8!) 20. ♕c7 ♗×d6 21. ♕×a7↑ Timman–Ljubojević, Amsterdam 1999] 12...f6 13. e×f6 ♗×c5 14. ♗g5!? ♘f7 15. ♗h4 ♕c7 16. ♕d2 ♘ce5∞ Timman–Nikolić, Amsterdam 1999;

8. a3 ♗e7 9. b4 c×d4 10. c×d4 ♖c8 11. ♗e3 0–0 12. ♕d2 f6 13. e×f6 ♗×f6 14. ♘c3 ♘ce7 15. ♗d3 ♗e8 16. ♗g5 h6 17. ♗×f6 ♖×f6 18. ♘e5 ♘×e5 19. d×e5 ♖f8 20. ♘e2 ♗g6= Romero Holmes–Nikolić, Wijk aan Zee 1992.

155 8...c×d4 9. c×d4 ♗e7 10. ♘c3 0–0 11. ♗d3 ♗e8 12. ♖c1 f6 13. e×f6 ♗×f6 14. ♕d2 ♔h8 15. ♗b1 ♖c8 16. ♖fe1± Sax–Korchnoi, Candidates Tournament (m/10), Wijk aan Zee 1991.

156 **9. ♘e1?!** 0–0 10. f4 ♕b6 11. ♕d2 c×d4 12. c×d4 f6= Kupreichik–Nikolić, Ljubljana/Portorož 1989; 12...♘h4!?∓;

9. g3 c×d4 10. c×d4 f6 11. e×f6 ♗×f6 12. ♘c3 0–0 13. ♕d2 ♘ge7 14. ♗d3 h6!?⇄ Romanishin–Nikolić, Leningrad 1987.

157 9...♘g×e5 10. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 11. f4 ♘c6 (11...♘g6 12. b4 0–0 13. ♘d2 b6 14. ♘b3 ♕c7 15. ♕d2 ♗a4 16. f5 ♘e5 17. c×b6 a×b6 18. ♘d4± Cherniaev–Fernández Hernández, Spain 1997) 12. ♘d2 0–0 13. ♗d3± Kharlov–Sakaev, São Paulo 1991.

158 12. b4 0–0 13. f4 ♘g6 14. ♕d2 b6 15. c×b6 a×b6 16. ♘b5 ♗×b5 17. ♗×b5 ♗f6 18. ♗d4 ♗×d4+ 19. c×d4 ♖a3⇄ Mukhametov–Stojanović, Bela Crkva 1996.

159 **14. ♖e1!?** 0–0 15. ♗d3 f5 (15...b6 16. c×b6 a×b6 17. ♕h5↑) 16. b4⇄;

14. c4 ♖d8 15. c×d5 (Kharlov–Sakaev, Russian League, Podolsk 1992) 15...♖×d5= Sakaev.

Notes

Table 5

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘ge7 7. ♘a3 c×d4[160] 8. c×d4 ♘f5[161] 9. ♘c2[162]

	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
23	...	0–0[164]	g4 !?[166]	♘fe1	g×h5	♘d3	♗e3[169]	b4[171]	
	♕b6[163]	♘a5[165]	♘e7[167]	h5[168]	♗b5	♘f5	♖c8[170]	♘c6[172]	⇄
24	...	...	g4[173]	♘fe1[174]	g×h5	♗e3	♗d3	♗×f5	
	...	a5	♘fe7	h5 !?[175]	♘f5	f6	0–0–0[176]	e×f5[177]	∞
25	...	...	♔h1 !?	♘e3	♘×f5	♗d2	a3	♗c3[181]	
	...	...	♘b4[178]	♖c8[179]	e×f5	♗e7	♘c6[180]		±
26	...	0–0[182]	g4 !?[184]	b4	♖b1[187]	e×f6	a4		
	♗e7	g5 !?[183]	♘g7[185]	a6[186]	f5 !?[188]	♗×f6	h6[189]		±
27	...	0–0[190]	♕×c2	♕d3	♗d2[194]	♖fc1	♗×d3	♗×f5	
	♘b4	♘×c2[191]	♕b6[192]	a6[193]	♕b5[195]	♕×d3	♗e7	e×f5[196]	±
28	...	...	...	...	g4 !?[197]	♗d2[198]	h3	a4[199]	
	...	...	...	♖c8	♘e7	h5	a6	h×g4[200]	±

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7...♘f5 8. ♘c2 ♗e7 9. 0–0 see 7...c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♗e7; 9. ♗d3!?± c×d4 10. ♗×f5 e×f5 11. ♘c×d4±;

7...♘g6 8. h4!? c×d4 9. c×d4

a) 9...♗b4+ 10. ♔f1 h6 (10...♘ge7 11. ♘c2 ♗a5 12. g3 f6 13. ♔g2 0–0 14. e×f6 g×f6 15. ♘e3 ♔h8 16. b3 ♗c7 17. ♗b2 ♗e8 18. ♗d3± Sveshnikov – Graf, Kiev (Rapidplay) 1989; 10...♗e7!? Movsesian – Kindermann, German League 2005/06) 11. ♘c2 ♗e7 12. ♗d3! (12. h5 ♘f8 13. b4 ♘h7 14. ♗d2 0–0 15. ♗d3 ♖c8 16. ♕e1 a6 17. a4 f5⇄ Sveshnikov – Gulko, Tashkent 1984) 12...♘f8 13. ♖h3 ♕b6 14. ♖g3 g6 15. ♔g1± Ehlvest – Minasian, Ohrid 2001;

b) 9...♗×a3 10. b×a3 h6 11. h5 ♘ge7 12. 0–0 ♘a5 13. ♖b1 ♗c6 14. ♗d3 ♘c4 15. ♘h4!↑ Grischuk – Graf, 35th Olympiad, Bled 2002.

161 8...♘g6 9. h4 ♗b4+ [9...h6 10. h5 ♗×a3 11. b×a3 ♘ge7 12. ♖b1 (12. 0–0 Grischuk – Graf, 35th Olympiad, Bled 2002) 12...♘a5 13. ♗d2 ♗c6 14. ♗b4 ♘c4 15. ♘d2 ♘f5 16. 0–0 ♘×d4 17. ♗×c4 d×c4 18. ♘×c4 ♘f3+ 19. g×f3 ♕g5+ 20. ♔h2 ♕h4+ 21. ♔g1 ♕×c4∓ Stević – Nikolić, Slovenian League, Celje 2003] 10. ♔f1 0–0 11. h5 ♘h8 12. ♗d3 h6 13. ♕c2 f5 14. ♕e2 ♗e7 15. ♘c2± Sandipan – Hertneck, German League 2002/03.

162 9. 0–0 ♗×a3 – see 7. 0–0.

163 9...♕a5+ 10. ♗d2 ♕b6 11. ♗c3 ♗e7 (11...a5 12. g4 ♘fe7 13. h4 h5 14. g×h5 ♘f5 15. ♘e3 ♘×e3 16. f×e3± Sveshnikov – Furlan, Slovenia (Rapidplay) 1997) 12. 0–0 [12. ♕d2 a5 13. 0–0 0–0 14. ♔h1 ♔h8!? (14...♗b4=) 15. g4 ♘h6 16. ♖g1 ♘g8⇄ Cifuentes Parada – Sokolov, Dutch Championship, Amsterdam 1994] 12...a5!? 13. a3 (13. g4 ♘h6 14. ♘fe1 f6 15. ♘d3 ♘f7 16. ♗f3 f×e5 17. d×e5 0–0∓ Marković – Sokolov, Yugoslavia 1987) 13...0–0 14. ♗d3 ♔h8 15. ♖e1 ♘a7 16. a4 ♘c6⇄ Timman – Sokolov, Dutch Championship (m/3), Amsterdam 1996;

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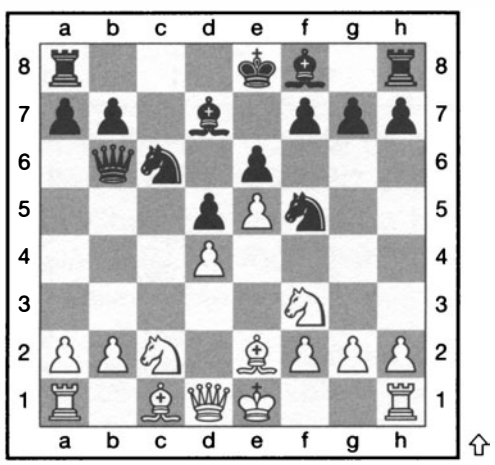

10. g4 ♘fe7 11. 0–0 (11. ♘h4 ♘b4 12. ♘a3 ♘ec6 13. ♗e3 ♗e7 14. ♘g2 f6 15. ♘b5 f×e5 16. 0–0 0–0 17. d×e5 ♗c5∓ Wemmers – Gurevich, Belgian League 2003/04) 11...h5 12. h3!? h×g4 13. h×g4 f6 (13...♘g6!? van Wely) 14. ♗d3! 0–0–0 15. b4± Shirov – van Wely, Wijk aan Zee 2001;

10. h4

a) 10...♗b4+ 11. ♔f1 h5 12. a3 ♗e7 13. b4 ♖c8 14. g3 f6 15. ♗d3 f×e5 16. ♗×f5 e×f5 17. d×e5 d4± Topalov – Nikolić, Monte Carlo (blind) 1997;

b) 10...f6 11. g4 ♘f×d4! (11...♘fe7 12. e×f6 g×f6 13. g5 ♗g7∞) 12. ♘c×d4 ♘×e5 13. g5 ♗c5 14. 0–0 ♘×f3+ 15. ♘×f3 ♕b4 16. ♘e1 ♕×h4 17. ♘g2 ♕b4⇄ Movsesian – Gurevich, Sarajevo 2000;

c) 10...♘b4 11. ♘×b4 ♗×b4+ (11...♕×b4+ 12. ♔f1 ♗b5 13. g4 ♗×e2+ 14. ♔×e2 ♕c4+

15. ♕d3 ♘e7 16. h5± Movsesian – Ulibin, Pula 1999) 12. ♔f1 h5 (12...♗b5!? 13. g4 ♘h6 14. ♗×h6 g×h6 15. ♕b3 ♖g8 16. a3 ♗×e2+ 17. ♔×e2 ♕a6+ 18. ♕d3 ♗e7= Pilaj – Moor, Leipzig 2002) 13. a4! ♖c8 14. g3 ♗e7 15. ♔g2 ♖c7 16. a5 ♕b4 17. b3± Shirov – Gurevich, Prague (Rapidplay) 2002.

165 10...♖c8!?

a) 11. ♗d3 a5 12. a3 a4 13. ♗×f5 e×f5 14. ♘e3 ♕b5∓;

b) 11. g4!? ♘fe7 12. ♘h4 (12. ♘fe1 h5 13. g×h5∞ Sveshnikov – Skalkotas, Athens 1983) 12...♘g6 [12...♘b4 13. ♘×b4 ♕×b4 14. f4 ♗b5 (14...♘c6 15. ♗e3 ♗e7 16. ♘g2 f6± Sveshnikov – Ulibin, Russian League, Podolsk 1992) 15. ♕d2 ♕a4 16. b3 ♕a6 17. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 18. f5 ♘c6 19. ♗b2= Sveshnikov – Gleizerov, Russian League, Podolsk 1992] 13. ♘g2 (13. ♘×g6 h×g6=) 13...♗e7⇄;

c) 11. ♔h1 ♘a5 12. g4 ♘e7 13. ♘fe1 h5 14. g×h5 ♘f5 15. ♗g4 ♘h6 16. ♗h3 ♘c6 17. b3⇄ Charbonneau – Barsov, Montréal 2003.

166 11. ♘e3 ♘×e3 12. f×e3 ♗e7⇄.

167 11...♘h6 12. h3±.

168 12...♗b5 13. ♘d3 h5 14. b4 ♘ac6 15. a4 ♗c4 16. a5 ♕c7∓ Stević – Dizdar, Croatian League, Poreč 1998.

169 15. b4 ♘c6 16. a4 ♗c4 17. a5 ♕d8 18. ♗e3 ♕h4 (Grosar – Dizdar, Nova Gorica 1997) 19. ♘f4 ♗×e2 20. ♕×e2 g5∓.

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15...♗e7 16. a4 ♗×d3 17. ♗×d3 g6 18. h×g6 f×g6 19. b4 ♘c4 20. ♗×c4 d×c4 21. d5 ♘×e3 22. f×e3 Sveshnikov – Dolmatov, Moscow (Rapidplay) 1991; 22. ♘×e3±;

15...♘c4 16. a4 ♘c×e3 17. f×e3 ♗c4 18. ♘f4! ♗b3 19. ♗b5+ ♔d8 20. ♕e2 ♗×c2 21. a5! ♕c7 22. ♖fc1 ♖c8 23. a6! b6 24. ♗a4 ♕c4! 25. ♖×c2 ♕×e2 26. ♖×c8+?= Sveshnikov – Dolmatov, Russian League, Naberezhnye Chelny 1988; 26. ♖×e2 ♗e7 27. ♖g2! ♖c4 28. ♔f2 ♖b4 (28...♗h4+?! 29. ♔e2 ♖b4? 30. b3±) 29. ♖a2±;

15...♘c6! (Shirov; △♕d8–h4→) 16. a4 ♗c4 17. b4 ♕d8! (17...♗b3 18. a5 ♕d8 19. ♘de1 ♖c8 20. ♖b1 ♗c4 21. ♘g2 ♗×e2 22. ♕×e2 ♘h4 23. ♘ge1 ♘f5 24. ♘g2 ♘h4 25. ♘ge1 ½–½ Grosar – Dizdar, Ljubljana 1997) 18. ♗g4!? (18. ♕d2 a5!⇄; 18. a5!? transposes to Grosar – Dizdar, Nova Gorica 1997, see Note 169) 18...♘×e3!? (18...♕h4 19. h3 ♘×e3 20. f×e3 ♕g3+ 21. ♔h1 ♖×h5! 22. ♗×h5 ♕×h3+ 23. ♔g1 ♕g3+=) 19. f×e3 ♕g5 20. h3 ♖×h5 21. ♕f3 0–0–0!?⇄ Shabalov – Shirov, Edmonton 2005.

171 16. b3 ♘c6 17. ♖c1 a5 18. ♕d2 ♗e7 19. ♗g4 ♕a6⇄ Bergstrom – Kiriakov, Port Erin 2000.

172 17. a4 ♗c4 18. ♖b1 ♕d8 19. ♘f4 ♗×e2 20. ♕×e2 ♕h4 21. h3⇄ Sveshnikov – Kiriakov, Russian Championship, Elista 1994.

173 11. b3 ♖c8 (11...♘b4 12. ♘e3 ♗e7 13. ♘×f5 e×f5 14. a3 ♘c6 15. ♗b2 0–0 16. ♘e1 ♖fc8 17. f4∞ Delchev – Gurevich, Batumi 2002) 12. ♗b2 (12. ♗e3 ♘b4 13. ♘ce1 ♗b5 14. ♖c1 ♖×c1 15. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 16. ♕×c1 ♘c6= Greenfeld – Sher, Swiss Championship 1995) 12...♘b4 13. ♘×b4 a×b4 14. ♖e1 [14. ♕d3± ♗e7 15. g4! (15. a4 b×a3 16. ♗×a3 ♗×a3 17. ♖×a3 0–0=) 15...♘h4 (15...♘h6 16. h3 0–0 17. ♖fc1±) 16. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 17. a4 0–0 18. ♖ac1±] 14...♗b5 15. ♖c1 ♖×c1 (15...♖c6) 16. ♕×c1 ♗e7 17. g4 ♘h6 18. ♕c8+ ♗d8 19. h3± Timman – Jóhannesson, Reykjavík 2004.

174 12. ♘h4 ♘g6 (12...f6 13. ♗e3 f×e5 14. d×e5 ♕c7 15. f4 g5 16. f×g5 ♕×e5 17. ♘f3 ♕b8 18. ♘fd4 ♗g7∞ Kupreichik – Pilaj, Graz 2002) 13. ♘g2 ♗e7 14. f4 0–0 15. ♗e3 f5 16. e×f6 ♖×f6 17. h4 (17. ♗d3 ♗d6 18. h4 ♖af8 19. g5 ♖6f7 20. ♗×g6 h×g6 21. h5 g×h5 22. ♕×h5 g6!⩲ Benjamin – Gulko, US Championship, Durango 1992) 17...♗d6 18. h5 ♘ge7 19. ♗d3 ♖f7!? (19...♖c8 20. ♕e2 ♖ff8 21. ♘h4 h6 22. g5 h×g5 23. f×g5 ♘f5 24. h6!→ Sveshnikov – Gulko, 52nd USSR Championship, Riga 1985) 20. ♕e2 a4 (20...♖af8 21. ♖ad1 g6 22. h6 ♘b4 23. ♘×b4 a×b4⇄ Sveshnikov – Mencinger, Finkenstein 1994) 21. ♖ab1 ♖af8∞ Yagupov – Piskov, Rostov on Don 1993.

175 12...♘g6 13. f4 h5 14. g×h5?! ♘h4 15. ♗e3 ♘f5 16. ♗f2 ♕×b2∓ Orak – Dizdar, Pula 1999.

176 15...♘×e3!?∓.

177 **17. ♘d3** ♗e8 18. ♕f3 ♖×h5 19. e×f6 g×f6 20. ♗f4 ♗d6⇄ Ermenkov – Spassov, Albena 1985.

17. e×f6 ♗e8 18. h6 g×f6 19. ♕d2 ♖d7∞ Sveshnikov – Razuvaev, Moscow 1985.

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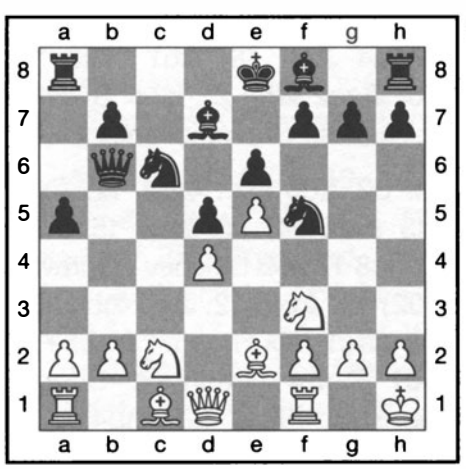

11...♖c8 12. b3 (12. g4 ♘fe7 13. ♘h4 ♘b4⇄ Ni Hua – Kristjánsson, Goa 2002) 12...♘b4 13. ♘e3 ♘×e3 14. ♗×e3 ♗e7 15. ♘e1 ♗b5 16. f4± Hadzimanolis – Barsov, Ikaros 2001;

11...h5!?

a) 12. ♗g5 ♗e7 13. ♗×e7 ♘c×e7 14. ♕d3 ♖c8 15. ♖ab1 0–0 16. ♘e3 g6 17. h3± Dvoiris – Willemze, Dieren 2002;

b) 12. ♗d3 ♗e7 13. ♗×f5 e×f5 14. ♗g5 ♕×b2 15. ♖b1 ♕×a2 16. ♖×b7 ♘d8 17. e6 f×e6 18. ♖×d7 ♗×g5 19. ♖×g7 ♗f6 20. ♖c7⩲ Gwaze – Summerscale, Edinburgh 2003;

c) 12. b3 ♗e7 (12...h4 13. h3 ♗e7 14. ♗d3 ♕d8 15. ♖b1 ♘b4 16. ♘×b4 a×b4 17. ♖b2 g6 18. ♗f4± Cherniaev – Pert, Hastings 2002/03) 13. ♗d3 ♘h4 14. ♘g5 a4 15. ♖b1 a×b3 16. ♖×b3 ♕d8 17. ♘h3 ♖×a2 18. ♖×b7 ♘a5 19. ♖b2 ♖×b2 20. ♗×b2± Ehlvest – Barsov, Dhaka 2001.

179 12...♗e7 13. ♘×f5 e×f5 14. ♗d2 0–0 15. a3 (15. ♗c3 ♗b5 16. a3 ♗×e2 17. ♕×e2 ♘c6 18. e6 ♗f6 19. e×f7+ ♔×f7 20. ♕d3 ½–½ Predojević – Galyas, Budapest 2002) 15...♘c6 16. ♗c3 ♖fb8 17. ♕d2 ♕d8 18. b3± Cherniaev – Dzhakaev, Istanbul 2003.

180 15...♘a6 16. b4 a×b4 17. a×b4 ♘c7 18. b5± Vescovi – Vučković, Bermuda 2002.

181 Grischuk – Gurevich, Esbjerg 2000.

182 10. g4!? ♘h4 11. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 12. 0–0 f5 13. f4 (13. g×f5!?±) 13...f×g4 14. ♗×g4 0–0 15. b3 ♖c8 16. ♘e3 ♕b6 17. ♗b2 ♘e7 18. ♗h3 ♖f7 19. ♕h5 ♘g6 20. f5↑ Sveshnikov – Karer, Nova Gorica 1999.

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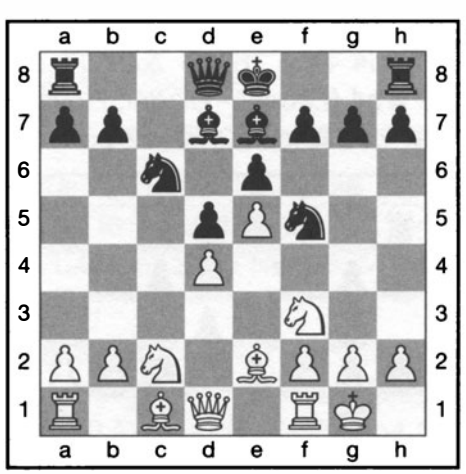

10...h5?!

a) 11. ♖b1 ♕b6 (11...g5 12. b4 g4 13. ♘fe1 ♕b6 14. ♗e3±) 12. b4! a5 13. a3 a×b4

14. a×b4± Grischuk – Kaidanov, New York 2000;

b) 11. ♘e3!? g5 12. ♘×f5 e×f5 13. h4 g4 14. ♘g5 ♕b6 15. ♗e3 f4! 16. ♗×f4 ♕×d4∓ Dolmatov – Hertneck, Tilburg (Rapidplay) 1992;

c) 11. ♔h1 g5 12. ♘fe1 g4 13. ♗e3 ♕b6 14. ♘d3 a5 15. a4 ♖c8 16. ♕d2 ♕b3 17. ♖fc1 ♘×e3 18. f×e3 ♘d8 19. ♗d1 ♕b6 20. b4↑ Movsesian – Schlindwein, German League 2000/01;

d) 11. b4!? ♖c8 (11...♘×b4 12. ♘×b4 ♗×b4 13. ♖b1 ♗a5! 14. ♖×b7 ♗b6 15. ♗g5 ♕c8 16. ♗a6 ♕c6 17. ♕d3±) 12. ♖b1 a6 13. a4! ♕b6 14. b5 a×b5 15. ♗×b5 ♕c7 16. ♘e3 ♘×e3 17. ♗×e3 ♘a5 18. ♗g5!± Sveshnikov – Fominikh, Russian Championship, Elista 1996;

10...♖c8 11. ♗d3! ♕b6 12. ♔h1! ♘b4 [12...0–0 13. g4 ♘h6 (13...♘h4 14. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 15. g5 ♘e7 16. a4!? ♘g6 17. ♕g4 ♖c4 18. ♗×c4 d×c4 19. a5 ♗c6+ 20. ♔g1 ♕b5 21. ♘e3±) 14. ♖g1↑ Párkányi – Bagoly, Miskolc 1998] 13. ♘×b4 ♕×b4 14. ♗d2 ♕b6 15. a4 a5 16. ♗c3± Voronovsky – Lukonin, Sosnowi Bor 2002.

184 11. b4 g4 (11...a6 12. a4 f6∞ 13. b5 a×b5 14. a×b5 ♘a5 15. e×f6 ♗×f6 16. ♗a3±) 12. ♘fe1 h5 13. b5 ♘a5 14. ♗a3 ♗×a3 15. ♘×a3 ♖c8 16. ♘ec2±.

185 11...♘h6!? 12. h3 f6 13. e×f6 ♗×f6 14. b4 ♘f7 15. b5 ♘e7 16. ♗d3 ♕c7 17. a4 ♘g6 18. ♗×g6 h×g6 19. ♔g2 0–0–0 20. ♘b4± Goloshchapov – Zakharevich, St. Petersburg 2002.

186 12...h5!?⇄.

187 13. a4!?.

188 13...b5!?⇄.

189 Dvoiris – Zakharevich, Russian Championship, Elista 2001.

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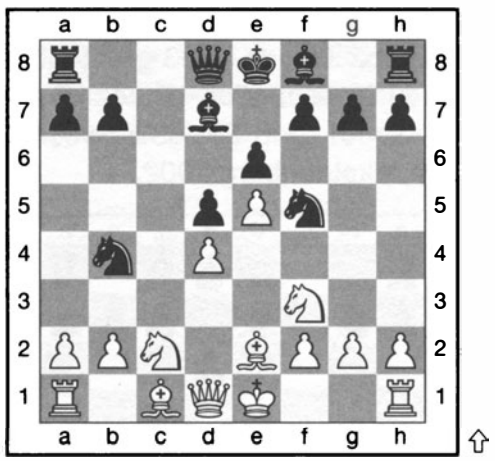

10. ♘e3 ♘×e3 11. f×e3 ♗e7 12. a3 [12. 0–0 0–0 13. ♗d2 ♕b6 (13...a5 14. a3 ♘c6 15. ♗d3 ♕b6 16. ♗c3 f5 17. e×f6 ♗×f6 18. ♕c2 h6 19. ♖f2 ♘e7 20. g4± Peng Xiaomin – Kacheishvili, 34th Olympiad, Istanbul 2000) 14. a3 ♘c6 15. b4 f5 16. e×f6 ♗×f6 17. ♗d3 ♘e7 18. ♕b1 h6 19. a4 ♘f5 20. b5 a5 21. ♗c1 ♖fc8 22. ♖a2 ♕d8 23. ♖af2± Sax – Brenninkmeijer, Wijk aan Zee 1992] 12...♘c6 13. b4⇄ Spassky – Korchnoi, Candidates match, Belgrade 1977; 13. 0–0 0–0 14. ♗d2 f6 15. e×f6 ♗×f6 16. ♗c3 ♖c8 17. ♗d3±);

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191 10...♖c8 11. ♘×b4 (11. ♘e3 ♘×e3 12. ♗×e3 ♘c2 13. ♖c1 ♘×e3 14. f×e3 ♖×c1 15. ♕×c1 ♗e7⇄) 11...♗×b4 12. a3 ♗e7 13. g4 ♘h4 14. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 15. ♗e3 0–0 16. ♕b3 ♕b6?! (16...♗c6 17. f4 f6 18. ♗d3⇄) 17. ♕×b6 a×b6 18. ♗d3± Sveshnikov – Bashkov, Cheliabinsk 2003;

10...♗a4?! 11. b3 ♗d7 12. ♘e3 a5 13. a3 ♘c6 14. ♗b2 ♗e7 15. ♗d3 g6? (15...♘×e3 16. f×e3±) 16. ♕d2 ♕b6 17. ♗c2 h5 18. ♗c3 ♔f8 19. ♗×f5! g×f5 20. g3± Sveshnikov–Gurevich, Ekaterinburg 2002.

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11...♖c8 12. ♕d3 (12. ♕b3 ♕b6 13. ♕×b6 a×b6 14. ♗d2 ♘e7 15. ♖fc1 ♘c6 16. ♖c3= Grosar–Dizdar, Slovenian League, Bled 1996) 12...a6 13. a4 (13. ♕b3±) 13...♗b4 14. ♗g5 ♕b6 15. h4 h6 16. ♗d2!? ♕a5 17. ♗f4! ♖g8!? 18. g3 ♔d8!∞ Movsesian–Morozevich, Sarajevo 2000;

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12...h6 13. b3 a6 14. a4 ♗b4 15. ♗b2 g5?! (15...0–0 16. ♗d1! ♖fc8 17. ♗c2 g6 18. ♖fc1±; 15...♖c8 16. ♗d1!? 0–0 17. ♗c2 ♖c6 18. g4!±) 16. ♖ac1 ♖c8 17. ♖×c8+ ♗×c8 18. ♘e1! ♗d7 19. ♘c2 ♗e7 20. ♘e3 ♕b4 21. ♗d1! ♘×e3 22. ♗c3! ♕b6 23. f×e3± Sveshnikov–Brumen, Bled 2000.

194 13. a4 ♗b4 14. g4 (14. b3!? ♖c8 15. ♗b2 0–0 16. g4 ♘e7 17. ♘g5 ♘g6 18. f4 f6 19. e×f6 ♖×f6 20. ♖f2± Sveshnikov–Ulibin, Moscow (Rapidplay) 1990) 14...♘e7 15. ♘g5 h6 16. ♘h3 ♖c8 17. ♗e3 a5 18. ♘f4 g6 19. h4± Sveshnikov–Shulman, Riga (Rapidplay) 1987.

195 13...h5?! 14. a4 a5 15. ♖fd1 ♗e7 16. h3 ♖c8 17. ♗c3! h4 18. ♕d2± Sveshnikov–Zlotnik, Moscow 1991;

13...♗e7 14. a4 0–0 15. g4 ♘h6 16. h3 ♔h8 17. ♘h2± Sveshnikov–Bashkov, Herfurd (Rapidplay) 1992.

196 17. ♗g5 ♗f8 18. ♖c7 h6 19. ♗d2 ♗c6 20. e6 f×e6 21. ♖e1 ♗d7 22. ♘e5± Sveshnikov–Totsky, Cheliabinsk (Rapidplay) 1990.

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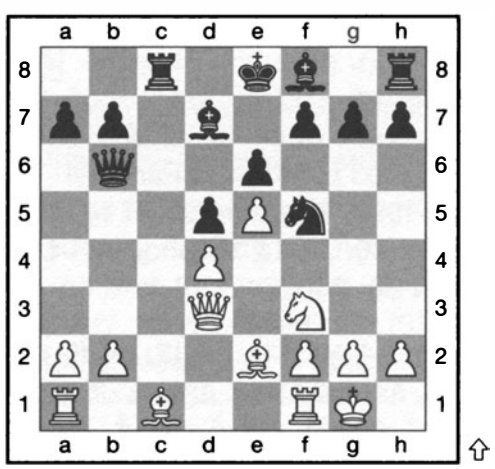


13. a4!? ♗b4 14. h4 h6 (14...h5 15. ♗g5⇄) 15. h5 ♘e7 16. ♘d2 0–0 17. ♘b3 f5 18. a5 ♕d8 19. ♗d2± Sveshnikov–Rublevsky, Russian Championship, Elista 1994;

13. ♗d2!? ♗b4! (Filipenko; 13...♗e7?! 14. g4!±) 14. ♖fc1 (14. ♗×b4 ♕×b4 15. a3 ♕b6; 14. ♗f4?! a6! 15. a4 ♘e7!? 16. h4 ♗a5 17. ♖fc1 ♖×c1+ 18. ♗×c1 h6 ½–½ Sveshnikov–Dreev, Rostov on Don 1993) 14...0–0 15. ♗×b4 ♕×b4 16. a3 ♕b6 17. b4 ♖c4 18. ♕d2 ♖×c1+ 19. ♖×c1 ♗b5 20. ♗×b5 ♕×b5 21. ♖c5±.

13. ♖d1 h6 14. h4 a6 15. a4 ♗b4 16. h5 ♘e7 17. ♕e3 ♘c6 18. ♗d3 ♘a5 19. ♗b1 ♗e7∞ Campora – Dreev, Biel 1995.

198 14. ♗e3 h5 15. h3 h×g4 16. h×g4 a6 17. ♖fc1 ♖×c1+ 18. ♖×c1 ♗b5 19. ♕d2 ♗×e2 20. ♕×e2 ♘c6⇄ Grosar – Dražić, Bratto 1997.

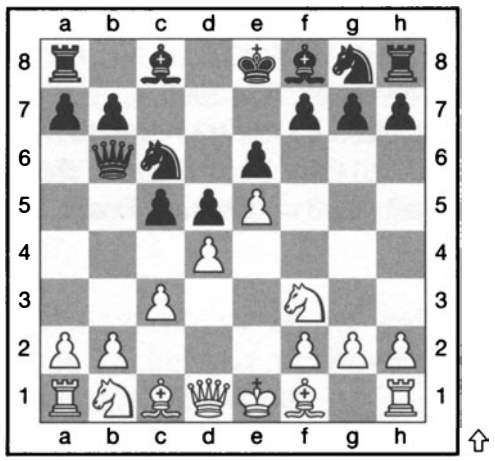
199 16. ♖fc1? h×g4 17. h×g4 ♖×c1+ 18. ♗×c1 ♗b5 19. ♕c2 ♗×e2 20. ♕×e2 ♘c6 21. ♗e3 ♗e7∓ Sveshnikov – Dizdar, Slovenian League, Bled 2002.

200 16...h×g4 17. h×g4 ♘c6 (17...♘g6 18. b4⇄) 18. a5 ♕c7 19. ♖fc1±.

Notes

Table 6

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6



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	c×d4![201]	♗d7	♘×d4	♕×d4	♕×e5?![204]	♕d6[205]	♕b6[207]	♕a5[208]	=
30	…	…	…		…	♕e2	♔h1![210]	f4	
	…	…	…		a6!	♘e7[209]	♘c6	♘b4[211]	∓
31	♗e2?!	♗×h6!?[213]	♕d2	0–0	♘a3!	c×d4	♘c2	e×f6[218]	
	♘h6[212]	g×h6[214]	♗g7[215]	0–0	c×d4[216]	♗d7[217]	f6	♖×f6[219]	±
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	c×d4!?	♘h6!?[220]	♘f5	♕a5+[223]	♗b4	b5![225]	♗×c3+	b4[226]	⇄
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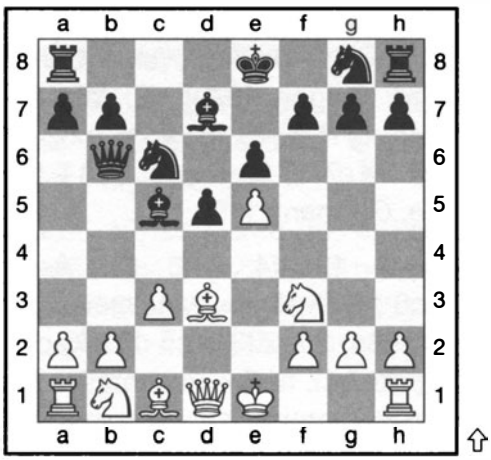
201 6...♗d7?! 7. d×c5! ♗×c5



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b) 8. ♕e2!? a5 9. ♘bd2 a4 10. b4 a×b3 11. ♘×b3 ♗a3 12. 0–0 ♘ge7 (12... ♗×c1 13. ♖f×c1 ♘ge7 14. ♘bd4±) 13. ♗d2 ♘g6 14. ♘bd4± Hort – Andersson, Reykjavík 1972.

202 **8. ♗c2** ♘b4 9. 0–0 ♘×c2 10. ♕×c2 ♘e7 11. ♘c3 ♖c8 12. ♗e3 ♘c6?! Steinitz – Burn, Vienna 1898; 12...♘f5∓;

8. 0–0 ♘×d4 9. ♘c3 See 8. ♘c3; 9. ♘bd2 ♘c6 10. ♘b3 ♘ge7 11. ♗e3 ♕c7 12. ♖c1 ♘g6 13. ♘c5 ♗×c5 (13...♗e7 14. b4=) 14. ♗×c5 ♘g×e5 15. ♘×e5=, Pap – Kosić, Bosnjaci 2005; (15. ♖e1 ♖c8 16. ♗a3 ♘×d3 17. ♕×d3 ♘e5–+).

203 10. ♕e2 a6 11. 0–0 See 10. 0–0 a6 11. ♕e2.

204 **10...♕b6** 11. ♕e2 (11. ♕g4⩱) 11...a6 12. ♔h1 ♘e7 13. f4 g6 14. ♗e3 ♕c7 15. ♖ac1 ♕d8 16. f5 e×f5 17. ♗g5⩱ Penalver – Chaumont, Aix-les-Bains 2003;

10...♘e7 11. ♘b5 ♕×e5 12. f4! ♕b8 13. f5 a6 (13...e5 14. f6⩱) (14. ♕f3!± Glek 14...a×b5 15. f6 (15. f×e6 ♗×e6–+) 15...♘f5! 16. ♗×f5 e×f5 17. ♖e1+ ♗e6 18. ♕×f5 ♕d6–+; 14. f×e6! f×e6 (14...♗×b5 15. e×f7+±) 15. ♗f4 e5 16. ♕h5+ g6 17. ♕×e5+–;

10...a6.

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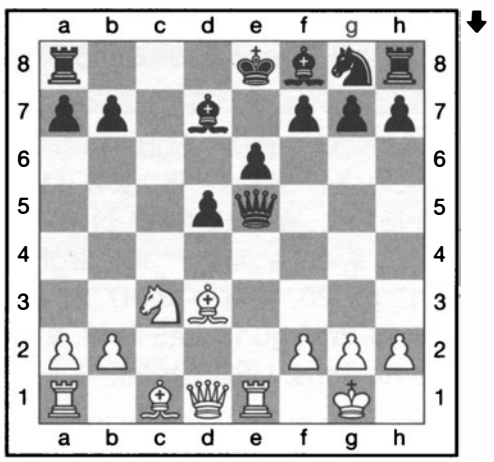

11...♕c7 12. ♘×d5 ♕a5

a) 13. ♖e5!? ♕d8 14. ♗g5 ♘e7 (14...♗e7 15. ♘×e7 ♘×e7 16. ♕h5→) 15. ♕h5 (15. ♕e2 h6 16. ♗×e7 ♗×e7 17. ♘×e7 ♕×e7=) 15...e×d5 16. ♖ae1 ♖c8 17. ♗×e7 ♗×e7 18. ♖×e7+ ♕×e7 19. ♖×e7+ ♔×e7 20. ♕g5+ ♔d6 21. ♕f4+=;

b) 13. ♖×e6+!⩱ (Glek) 13...f×e6 14. ♕h5+ ♔d8 15. ♗g5+ ♘f6 16. ♘×f6 ♗e7 17. ♘e4 ♕d5 18. ♗×e7+ ♔×e7 19. ♕h4+ g5 20. ♕h6 ♕e5∞;

11...♕b8 12. ♘×d5 ♗d6

a) 13. ♕g4 ♔f8 14. ♗d2 (14. ♘f4 ♘f6 15. ♕h4 h6 16. ♘e2 ♘d5∓ Glek – Zlotnik, Moscow 1980) 14...h5!? 15. ♕h3 ♗c6! (15...e×d5?! 16. ♕×d7 ♗×h2+ 17. ♔h1 ♘f6 18. ♕f5 ♗d6 19. ♖ac1!± Borg – Nikolić, Kavála 1985; 15...♘h6 16. ♘e3 ♔g8 17. ♗c3 ♘g4 18. ♘×g4 h×g4 19. ♕×g4 ♗×h2+ 20. ♔f1 ♕f8∞) 16. ♘e3 ♘f6 17. ♘c4 ♗c7 18. ♗c3 ♘d5 19. ♘e5!?∞ Salnikov – Prudnikova, USSR 1991;

b) 13. ♕h5!? ♔f8 14. ♘c3 ♘f6 15. ♕h4 ♗c6 16. ♗g5 ♗e5 17. ♖ad1⩱; 17. f4?! ♗d4+∓ Bisguier – Westerinen, Netanya 1971.

206 12. ♕f3 ♘f6 13. ♘b5 ♕b6 14. ♗e3 ♕a5 15. ♘d4 ♗b4∓ Dolmadian – Inkiov, Sofia 1978.

207 **12...♗×b5?** 13. ♗×b5+ ♔d8 14. ♗d2 (14. ♕f3 ♘f6 15. ♗f4 ♕b6 16. a4 a6 17. ♗d3 ♗d6 18. a5 ♕b4 19. ♗g5 ♔d7∓ Gossell – Shulman, Stillwater 2002) 14...♕b6 15. ♕a4 a5□ 16. ♖ac1 ♗c5 17. ♖×c5 ♕×c5 18. ♖c1 +– ♕b6 19. ♗e3 ♕d6 20. ♗c5 ♕b8 21. ♕a3! b6 22. ♗×b6+ 1-0 Sveshnikov – Genov, Bulgaria 1988;

12...♕b8?! 13. ♕f3 ♗d6 14. ♘×d6+! (14. ♕×d5) 14...♕×d6 15. ♗f4 [15...♕e7 16. ♕g3 f6 (16...♕f8 17. ♖ac1 ±) 17. ♖ac1 ! ± (Glek; 17. ♗×h7 ± ♖×h7 18. ♕g6+ ♕f7 19. ♕×h7 g5 20. ♕×f7+ ♔×f7 21. ♗d2 ±)] 15...♕b6 16. ♕g3 g6 17. ♗e5 f6 18. ♗×g6+ !→ Strauts – Kantoris, USSR 1985.

208 **13...♕d8?!** 14. ♗f4 ♖c8 15. ♘×a7 ±;

13...♕a5

a) 14. ♕b3 a6 15. ♗d2 ♕d8 16. ♘d4 ♘f6 17. ♕×b7 ♗c5 (17...♕b8 18. ♕×b8+ ♖×b8∓) 18. ♗e3 ♕c8?! (18...♕b8!? 19. ♕×b8+ ♖×b8 20. ♘×e6 ♗×e3 21. ♘d4 0–0 22. ♖×e3 ♖×b2∓) 19. ♕×c8+ ♖×c8 20. ♗×a6 ♖a8 21. ♗d3 ♗b4 22. ♖ec1 ♘g4⇄ Krasnov – Glek, Moscow 1989;

b) 14. ♗d2 ♕b6 15. ♗e3 (15. a4?! a6 16. a5 ♕d8 17. ♘d4 ♘f6∓) 15...♕a5 16. ♗d2= Adorján – Faragó, Hastings 1976/77.

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11...♖c8!? 12. ♔h1 [12...♗c5 13. ♗g5 (13. f4 ♘h6 14. h3 0–0 15. ♗d2 f6 16. ♖f3 f×e5 17. ♗e3 ♕b4 18. a3 ♕b6 19. ♗×c5 ♖×c5 20. ♕×e5 ♘f5∓ Möhring – Thormann, GDR 1977) 13...h6 14. ♗d2 ♘e7 15. ♖ac1 ♕h4 16. f4 ♘f5 17. ♗×f5 e×f5 18. b4 ♗a7 19. ♘×d5 0–0= Padevsky – Darga, 19th Olympiad, Siegen 1970] 12...♕h4! 13. f4 ♘h6!∓ 14. f5?! ♘×f5 15. ♗×f5 e×f5 16. ♖f4 ♕d8 (16...♕e7!?) 17. ♘×d5 ♗e6∓ Schuh – Namyslo, Germany 1992;

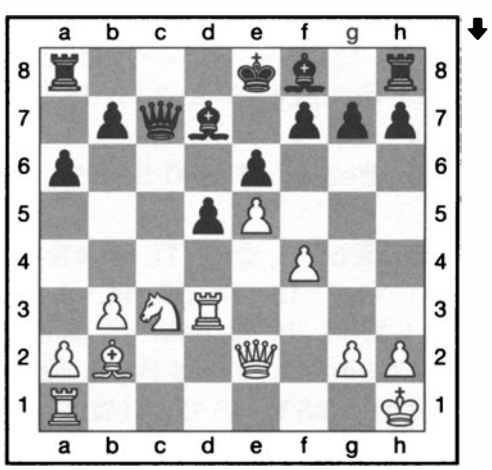
11...♕h4!? 12. f4 ♘h6 13. ♗e3 ♖c8 (13...♗c6 14. f5 ♕g4∞ Maciejewski – Glek, Prague 1985) 14. ♖f3 ♗c5 15. ♗×c5 ♖×c5 16. ♖af1 ♕e7 17. ♖h3∞ Rozentalis – Epishin, 57th USSR Championship, Leningrad 1990.

210 12. ♖d1 ♘c6 13. ♗×a6 ♕×e5 14. ♕×e5 ♘×e5 15. ♗×b7 ♖a7 16. ♗×d5 e×d5 17. ♖e1 f6 18. f4 ♗c5+ 19. ♔h1 d4∓ Mnatsakanian – Monin, USSR 1979.

211 14. ♖d1!

14...♗c5!? (Piskov) 15. ♗×a6 (15. ♗×h7 ♕f2 16. ♕×f2 ♗×f2 17. ♗b1 ♔e7∓ Blasek – Kishnev, Gelsenkirchen 1991) 15...♕f2 16. ♕×f2 ♗×f2 ⌓ 17. ♗b5 (17. ♗×b7 ♖a7 18. a3 ♘c2 19. ♖a2 ♘e3 20. ♗×e3 ♗×e3 21. ♗×d5 e×d5 22. ♘×d5 ♗e6∓) 17...♔e7 18. ♗×d7 ♔×d7 19. a3 ♘c6∓;

14...♘×d3 15. ♖×d3 ♕c4?! (15...♕b6 16. ♗e3 ♗c5! 17. ♗×c5 ♕×c5 18. f5!? ∞ ♗c6! 19. ♖ad1 0–0–0 20. f×e6 f×e6 21. ♕g4 d4 22. ♕×e6+ ♔b8 23. ♕g4 ♕×e5 24. ♖×d4 ♖×d4 25. ♕×d4 ♕×d4 26. ♖×d4 ♖e8 27. ♔g1 = Öchslein – Tischer, German League 1980/81) 16. b3! ♕c7 17. ♗b2



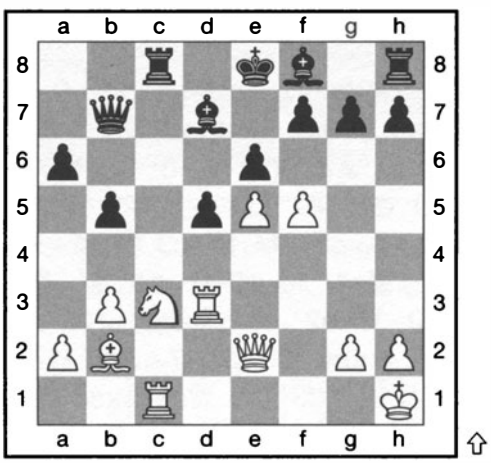
a) 17...♖c8 18. f5 ♕a5 19. ♖ad1 ♗a3 20. ♗×a3 ♕×a3 21. f6→ Möhring – Casper, GDR Championship, Frankfurt/Oder 1977;

b) 17...♗c6 18. ♖c1 ♖d8 19. ♕f2! ♗e7 20. ♘e2 0–0 21. ♘d4⩲ Sveshnikov – Razuvaev, Belgrade 1988;

c) 17...♗c5 18. ♖c1 ♗c6 19. ♘×d5 ♗×d5 20. ♗a3 b6 21. b4 0–0 22. b×c5 b×c5 23. f5?! (⌓ 23. ♖×c5 ♕b7 24. ♖c×d5 e×d5 25. ♗×f8 ♖×f8 26. ♖d1 ±) 23...c4 24. ♖h3? (24. ♖g3! e×f5 25. ♕d2⩲) 24...e×f5 25. ♗×f8 ♖×f8 ∓ Sveshnikov – S. Ivanov, Kiev 1988;

d) 17...b5 18. ♖c1 ♕b7

d1) 19. f5 ♖c8!



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d12) 20. ♖f1 b4 21. f×e6□ (21. ♘×d5? e×d5 22. e6 ♗b5! ∓ Smirnov – Beliakov, Alushta 1994) 21...f×e6 22. ♕h5+ g6!? 23. ♕f3 ♗e7 24. ♕f7+ ♔d8 25. ♕g7!? ♖e8 26. ♘×d5 e×d5 27. ♖fd1 ♗e6 28. ♕×h7 g5 ∓;

d2) 19. ♕d2 ♖c8! 20. ♖d1 ♗e7 21. f5!? b4 22. ♘×d5 e×d5 23. f6 ♗e6! 24. f×e7 ♕×e7 25. ♖g3 g6 ∓ Wallyn – Mednis, Cannes 1992.

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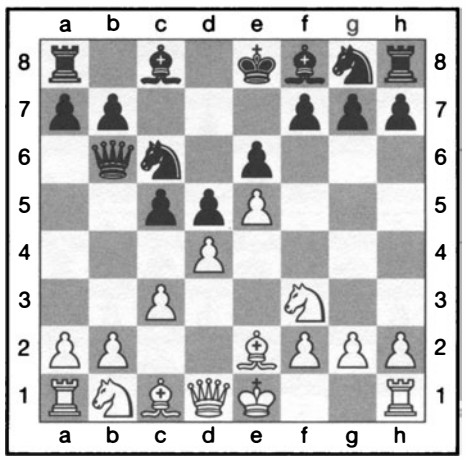

6...♘ge7 7. d×c5!?

a) 7...♕c7 8. ♘d4 ♕×e5 (8...♘×e5? 9. ♘b5! ♕×c5 10. ♕d4+– Euwe – Kramer, Zaanstreek 1946) 9. 0–0 ±;

b) 7...♕×c5

b1) 8. ♗d3 ♘g6 9. ♕e2 d4!? (9...f6?! 10. e×f6 g×f6 11. 0–0 ♗g7 ±) 10. ♗×g6 (10. 0–0 ♘g×e5 11. ♘×d4 ♘×d3 12. ♕×d3 ♘×d4 13. c×d4 ♕c7 14. ♗e3 ♗d7 15. ♘c3 ♗d6⇄) 10...h×g6 11. 0–0 d3 12. ♕e4 ♕d5=;

b2) 8. ♗f4 ♘g6 9. ♗g3 ♕b6! 10. b4 ♗d7 11. ♗d3 a5 12. b5 ♘ce7 13. ♘bd2 ♘f5 14. ♕e2 (Benjamin – Korchnoi, Horgen 1994) 14...h5 ∓;

b3) 8. b4 ♕b6 9. b5!? (Glek) 9...♘a5 10. 0–0 ♗d7 11. ♗e3 (11. ♘d4?! ♘g6 12. f4 ♗c5 13. ♗e3 0–0 14. a4 f6 15. e×f6 ♖×f6 16. g3 e5 ∓ Vysochin – Wojtaszek, Polanica Zdrój 2001) 11...♕c7 12. ♘bd2 ♘f5 13. ♗d4 ±;

6...f6 7. 0–0 f×e5 8. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 9. d×e5 ♗d7 10. c4 ±;

6...♗d7 7. 0–0 ♖c8 8. d×c5! ♗×c5 9. b4 ♗f8 10. ♗d3 ♘ge7 11. ♗f4 ♘g6 12. ♗g3 ♗e7 13. h4 ± Castro Rojas – Korchnoi, Linares 1979.

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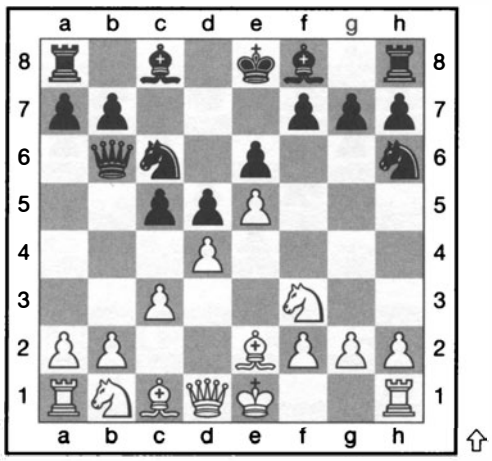

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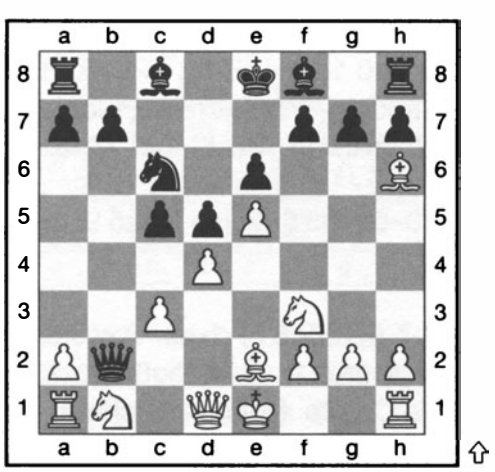
7. b3!? c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗b4+ (9...♗d7 10. g4 ♘fe7 11. ♘c3 h5 12. ♘a4 ♕d8 13. g5 ♘g6 14. ♕d2 ♖c8⇄ Kupreichik–Korchnoi, Münster 1996) 10. ♔f1 ♗e7 11. h4!? (11. ♘c3 ♕d8 12. g3 f6 13. ♔g2 f×e5 14. d×e5 0–0 15. ♖c1 ♗d7 16. ♗d3 ♕e8⇄ Sveshnikov–Portisch, Interzonal Biel 1993) 11...♕d8 12. h5 f6 13. a3 f×e5 14. d×e5 0–0 15. ♗d3± Movsesian–Priehoda, Kaskády 2002;

7. ♗d3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♗d7 9. ♗c2 ♘f5 10. ♗×f5 e×f5 11. ♘c3 ♗b4 12. ♔f1 0–0 13. ♔g1 ♗×c3 14. b×c3 ♖fc8 15. h4 ♘d8 16. ♗d2 ♖c4 17. h5 ♗a4 18. ♕c1 ♘e6⇄ Benjamin–Grétarsson, Bermuda 1999.

214 7...♕×b2?



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8. ♗e3! ♕×a1 9. ♕c2 c×d4 10. ♘×d4

a) 10...♘×d4? 11. ♗×d4 ♗a3 12. ♗b5+ ♔d8 13. 0–0 ♕b2 14. ♕a4 ♗e7 15. ♕a5++– Survila–Skoblikov, Podolsk 1978;

b) 10...♘b4? 11. ♗b5+ ♗d7 12. ♗×d7+ ♔×d7 13. c×b4+– ♗×b4+ 14. ♔e2 a5 15. ♖c1 ♖hc8 16. ♘c3!+– Drvota–Schmidt, Děčín 1979;

c) 10...♗a3□ 11. ♘b5!± (11. 0–0 ♕b2 12. ♘×a3 ♕×a3 13. ♘b5 ♕a5 14. ♘d6+ ♔f8∞) 11...♗b2 (11...0–0 12. ♘5×a3 b6 13. 0–0 d4 14. ♗f4+–) 12. ♘c7+ ♔d7 13. ♘×a8 ♗×c3+ 14. ♕×c3 ♕×b1+ 15. ♗d1 b6 (15...♕e4 16. 0–0 d4 17. ♕d2+–) 16. 0–0 ♕×a2 17. ♗×b6! (17. ♘×b6+ a×b6 18. ♗×b6 ♕c4±) 17...♗b7 (17...a×b6 18. ♗a4!) 18. ♕f3! (18. ♕c5 ♗×a8 19. ♕d6+ ♔e8 20. ♗e3∞; 18. ♗b3 ♕e2!∞)

c1) 18...f5 19. e×f6 ♖×a8 20. ♕g3 a×b6 21. ♕×g7+ ♔d6 22. f7±;

c2) 18...♖e8 19. ♕×f7+ ♖e7 20. ♕f8 a×b6± (20...♕c4 21. ♗h5 g6 22. ♗×a7 ♗×a8 23. ♕×a8 g×h5 24. ♖b1 ♘d8 25. ♗b6+–);

c3) 18...♘×e5 19. ♕c3 ♘c6 (19...♖×a8 20. ♕c7+ ♔e8 21. ♗c5 ♘d7 22. ♕×b7 ♖b8 23. ♕c6+–) 20. ♕×g7 ♖e8 21. ♗c5 ♘d8 22. ♗h5 ♗×a8 23. ♗×f7 ♘×f7 24. ♕×f7+ ♔d8 25. ♗d6 ♕c2 26. ♗f4 h6 27. ♖c1+–.

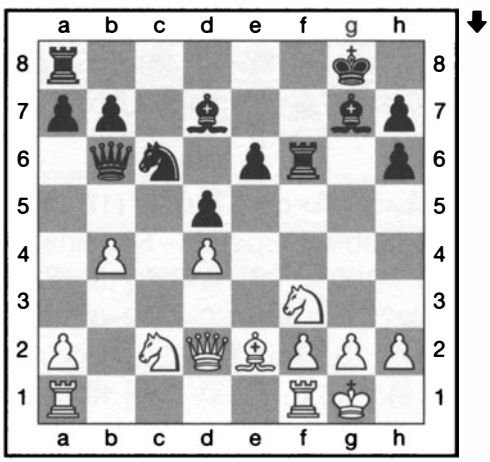
215 8...♗d7 9. 0–0 0–0–0!? 10. d×c5 (10. b4!? c×b4 11. ♖c1 ♔b8 12. c×b4 ♗×b4 13. ♘c3⩱) 10...♕c7 (10...♗×c5 11. b4 ♗e7 12. b5 ♘a5 13. ♕f4↑) 11. ♕f4±.

216 10...f6 11. e×f6 ♖×f6 12. d×c5 ♕×c5 13. b4 ♕f8 14. ♘c2 ♗d7 15. b5 ♘e7 16. ♘e5 ♖d8 17. ♘d4 ♘g6 18. ♘×d7 ♖×d7 19. ♗g4± Kupreichik–Huzman, Sverdlovsk 1987.

217 11...f6!? 12. e×f6 ♖×f6 13. ♘c2 a5!? ⇄ Jonkman – Uhlmann, Chemnitz 1998.

218 13. ♗d3 f×e5 14. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 15. d×e5 ♗×e5! (15...♕×b2?! Sveshnikov – Filipenko, Cheliabinsk 1975) 16. ♕×h6 ♖f7 17. ♖ae1 ♕×b2 18. ♕g5+ ♗g7 19. ♕h5 ♗f6∓ (19...h6∓).

219 14. b4



14...♖×f3!? 15. ♗×f3 ♘×d4 16. ♘×d4 ♕×d4 17. ♕×d4 ♗×d4 18. ♖ac1 ♗b6≅ Hort – Spassky, Moscow 1999;

14...a6 15. a4 ♖ff8 16. ♖a3 ♗e8 17. ♖e3 (17. ♖e1!? ♘e7 18. a5 ♕d6 19. ♘e5 ♘g6 20. ♖g3± McShane – Gdański, Istanbul 2003) 17... ♘e7 18. a5 ♕d6 19. ♗d3 ♘f5!? (19...♘c6 20. ♖fe1± Savić – Antić, Yugoslav Championship, Banja Koviljača 2002) 20. ♗×f5 ♖×f5 21. ♖fe1 ♖f6 22. ♘e5 ♗a4 23. ♖g3 ♖af8 24. ♘e3! (24. ♘d3 ♔h8 25. ♘e3 h5⇄ Antonio – Lputian, Shenzhen 1992) 24...♖f4 [24...♖×f2 25. ♘3g4! ♖×d2 (25...♕×e5 26. ♘×f2±) 26. ♘×h6+ ♔h8 27. ♘ef7+ ♖×f7 28. ♘×f7+ ♔g8 29. ♘×d6 ♔h8 30. ♘f7+ ♔g8 31. ♘d8 ♔h8 32. ♘×e6 ♗×d4+ 33. ♘×d4 ♖×d4 34. ♖e5±] 25. ♘3g4 ♔h8 26. ♘f3 (26. ♖h3 ♗e8±) 26...h5 27. ♘ge5 h4 28. ♖h3±;

14...♖af8 15. b5 ♘e7 16. ♘e5 (16. a4±) 16...♗e8 17. g3 (17. a4 ♘f5 18. a5± Kislov – Vysochin, Voronezh 2001) 17...h5 (17...♘g6 18. ♘g4 ♖6f7⇄; 17...♔h8 18. a4 h5 19. f4 ♘f5 20. a5 ♕d8 21. ♘e3 ♘d6 22. ♕b4± Karpachev – Bauer, Montpellier 2003) 18. a4 ♘f5 (18...h4 19. ♗d3 h×g3 20. h×g3 h5 21. ♘e3 ♗h6 22. a5 ♕d8 23. f4 ♔h8 24. ♕h2± Topalov – Bareev, Novgorod 1997) 19. a5 ♕c7 20. ♖ac1± Kupreichik – Lautier, Belgrade 1988.

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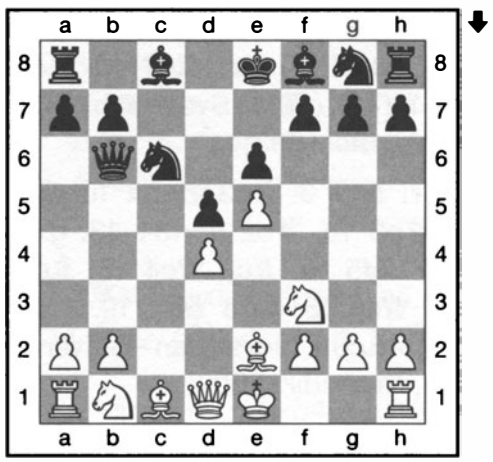

7...♘ge7 8. ♘a3 (8. b3 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗b4+ 10. ♔f1 ♗e7 11. h4 ♗d7 12. ♘c3 ♘c×d4 13. ♘×d5 e×d5 14. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 15. ♗×d4 ♗c5 16. ♗×c5 ♕×c5 17. ♖c1 ♕a5= Kosten – Lputian, Altensteig 1989) 8...♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♗b4+ (9...♘b4 10. 0–0 ♘×c2 11. ♕×c2 ♗d7 12. ♕d3 ♖c8 13. a3± Sveshnikov – Lputian, Training match, Sochi 1993; 13. a4!?±) 10. ♔f1 ♗e7 11. h4 h5 12. b4⇄ Benjamin – Bareev, Munich 1994;

7...♗b4+ 8. ♘c3 ♘ge7 9. 0–0 ♘f5 10. ♘a4 ♕d8 11. a3 ♗e7 12. b4 a6 13. ♗b2 ♗d7 14. ♖c1 b5 15. ♘c5 h5 16. ♗d3 ♗×c5 17. ♖×c5± Paulsen – Stern, Frankfurt (M.) 1878.

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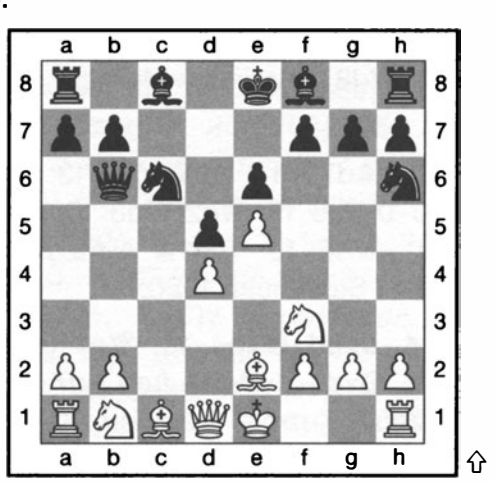

8. ♗×h6 ♕×b2! (8...g×h6 9. ♕d2±) 9. ♘bd2 g×h6 10. 0–0∞;

8. b3 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗b4+ (9...♗e7 10. 0–0 ♗d7 11. g4 ♘h4 12. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 13. ♘a3 0–0 14. f4 f6 15. ♔g2 f×e5 16. d×e5 ♖f7∞ Kupreichik–Hertneck, Debrecen 1992) 10. ♔f1 ♗e7 11. ♘c3 ♕d8 12. g3 f6 13. ♔g2 f×e5 14. d×e5 0–0 15. ♖c1 ♗d7 16. ♗d3 ♕e8 17. ♘e2 ♕f7 18. ♖f1⇄ Sveshnikov–Portisch, Interzonal, Biel 1993;

8. ♗d3?! ♗d7 9. ♘c3 ♘×d4 10. 0–0 ♗c5 11. a4 ♕b3 12. ♕d2 ♘×f3+ 13. g×f3 ♖c8 14. ♕e2 ♘f5 15. ♗c2 ♕c4 16. ♗d3 ♕b3 17. ♗c2 ♕c4 18. ♗d3 ♕h4 19. ♗×f5 e×f5 20. ♘×d5 ♗c6∓ Movsesian–S. Ivanov, 18th EU Cup, Chalkidiki 2002;

222 9. ♔f1? ♘f×d4! 10. ♗e3 (10. ♘a4 ♕b4 11. ♗d2 ♕e7 12. ♗g5 f6∓) 10...♕×b2 11. ♘×d5 ♕×e2+! 12. ♕×e2 ♘×e2 13. ♘c7+ ♔d7 14. ♘×a8 ♘c3∓ Schürmans–Claesen, Belgian Championship 1987.

223 9...♗b4+!? 10. ♔f1 (10. ♗d2 ♕a5 siehe 9...♕a5+ 10. ♗d2) 10...♕d8 11. g4 (11. ♗g5 ♗e7 12. ♗×e7 ♕×e7 13. ♕d2 0–0 14. g3 ♗d7 15. ♘c3 f6 16. g4 ♘f×d4!∓ Camilleri–Uhlmann, Zonal Tournament, Raach 1969) 11...♘h4 12. ♘×h4 ♕×h4 13. ♗f4 f6 14. ♔g2 f×e5 15. d×e5 0–0 16. ♗g3∞ Kupreichik–Lputian, Blagoveshchensk 1988.

224 10. ♔f1 ♗d7 (10...b5 11. ♘c3 b4 12. ♘b5 ♗a6 13. ♘c7+ ♕×c7 14. ♗×a6 ♕a5 15. ♗e2 ♗e7∓) 11. ♗d2 ♕d8 12. ♗e1 ♖c8 13. ♖c1 ♘h4 14. ♘c3 ♘×f3 15. ♗×f3 ♕b6 16. ♘a4 ♕d8∓ Steinitz–Maróczy, Vienna 1898.

225 11...♗d7?! 12. a3 ♗×c3+ 13. ♘×c3± h5 14. 0–0 ♖c8 15. ♕d2 ♕d8 16. h3 ♘a5 17. ♖ad1 ♕b6 18. ♖fe1± Nimzowitsch–Spielmann, Stockholm 1920.

226 14. a×b4 ♕×b4 15. ♕a4 (15. 0–0 ♘f×d4 16. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 17. ♗d3 ♗d7 18. ♕g4 g6 19. ♕g5∞ Kuzmin–Lempert, St. Petersburg 1993) 15...♗d7 16. ♕×b4!? (16. ♗b5 ♕×a4 17. ♖×a4 0–0 18. ♔d2 ♖fb8 19. ♗×c6 ½–½ Kupreichik–Libeau, Münster 1991) 16...♘×b4 17. ♔d2 ♘c6 18. ♘b5±;

14. ♗b5 ♗d7 15. a×b4 ♕×b4

a) 16. 0–0 ♘×e5 17. d×e5 ♗×b5 18. ♘×b5 ♕×b5 19. g4 ♘e7 20. ♘d4 ♕b4∓;

b) 16. ♕a4 ♕×b2 17. ♘×d5 e×d5 18. 0–0 ♘f×d4 19. ♖fb1 ♘×f3+ 20. g×f3 ♕c3 21. ♖c1 ♕b4 22. ♗×c6 ♕×a4 23. ♖×a4 ♗×c6 24. ♖×c6 ♔e7∓ Kupreichik–Ulibin, Moscow 1989;

c) 16. ♗×c6 ♗×c6 17. 0–0 (17. ♕d2 0–0 18. 0–0 ♖fb8= Epstein–Saunina, Tbilisi 1976) 17...0–0⇄; 17...♕×b2 [18. ♕d3 ♕b7 19. g4 ♘e7 (19...♘h6 20. h3 0–0 21. ♘g5 g6 22. ♖a5 ∞) 20. ♖fb1 ♕d7 21. ♖b3 (21. ♘b5 0–0 22. ♘d6 f5∓) 21...0–0∓] 18. ♘a4 ♕b4 19. ♕c2 ♕c4 20. ♖fc1 ♕×c2 21. ♖×c2 ♘e7 22. ♘c5 0–0 23. ♖ca2 ♖fb8∓ Sankovich–Bareev, Naberezhnye Chelny 1988.

227 6...♘ge7 7. d×c5 (7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 see 6...♘h6) 7...♕×c5 [7...♕c7 8. ♗b5 (8. ♗e3 ♘g6 9. ♘bd2 ♘g×e5 10. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 11. b4±) 8...♗d7 9. ♗f4 ♘g6 10. ♗g3 ♗×c5 11. ♕e2 h5 12. h4 0–0–0 13. ♗d3 ♖h6 14. b4 ♗b6 15. a4± Nikitin–Ragozin, Leningrad 1957] 8. ♗d3 ♘g6 9. ♕e2 ♕b6 10. 0–0 ♗e7 11. c4 d×c4 12. ♗×c4 0–0± Timman–Korchnoi, Reykjavík 2000.

228 7. ♗e2 ♘h6 8. b4 c×d4 9. ♗×h6 d3!? (9...g×h6 10. c×d4±) 10. ♗×d3 g×h6 11. 0–0 ♗g7 12. ♖e1 0–0 13. ♘bd2 f6 14. e×f6 ♗×f6 15. ♖a2 ♔h8 16. c4↑ Sveshnikov–Razuvaev, Palma de Mallorca 1989; 16. ♘b3 ♗×c3 17. ♘c5 ♕c7 18. ♘×e6 ♗×e6 19. ♖×e6±.

229 8...f6 9. ♗d3 (9. ♘c3±) 9...f×e5 10. d×e5 ♘h6 11. 0–0 ♘f7 12. ♗b2 g6 13. ♕e2 ♗g7 14. ♘bd2± Smeets–Stellwagen, Wijk aan Zee 2002;

8...♘ge7 9. ♘c3 ♘f5 10. ♘a4±.

230 9. ♗e2? a5! (9...♘ge7 10. 0–0 ♘f5 11. ♗b2 ♗e7 12. ♕d2 0–0 13. ♖d1 f6 14. ♘c3± Sveshnikov – Lputian, Russian League, Podolsk 1990) 10. b5 ♘×d4! 11. ♘×d4 ♖×c1 12. ♕×c1 ♕×d4= (Sveshnikov) 13. ♕c3 (13. ♕c7!=; 13. ♘d2 ♕×e5 14. ♘f3 ♕f6 15. 0–0 ♗d6⇄) 13...♗c5∓ Sveshnikov – Hoàng, Cheliabinsk 1989.

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9...♘h6!?

a) 10. ♗d3 ♘a5 11. 0–0 ♘c4 12. ♗×c4 ♖×c4 13. ♘c3 ♕a6 14. ♖c1 ♗e7 15. ♘d2!? ♖c8 (15...♖×d4!? 16. ♘e2 ♖h4 17. g3 ♗a4!? 18. ♕e1 ♗b5 19. ♖c8+ ♗d8 20. g×h4 ♗×e2 21. ♕c1 0–0⇄) 16. ♘b3± Korchnoi – Kotsur, 34th Olympiad, Istanbul 2000;

b) 10. ♘c3

b1) 10...♘f5 11. ♘a4 ♕d8 12. h4 (12. ♗d3 b6 13. 0–0 ♗e7 14. ♘c3 g6 15. ♗a6 ♖b8 16. ♖c1 Portisch – Milić, Olympiad, Moscow 1956; 16. ♕d3±) 12...♗e7 13. ♗d3 f6 14. ♗×f5 e×f5 15. ♘c3 f×e5 16. d×e5 d4 17. ♘e2 ♗e6 18. ♘e×d4 ♘×d4 19. ♘×d4± Sveshnikov – Poljakov, Latvian Championship 1992;

b2) 10...♘a5 11. ♘a4 ♕c6 [12. ♘c5 ♘c4 13. ♗×c4?! (13. ♗c1⇄) 13...d×c4 14. 0–0 ♕d5 15. ♕e2 (15. ♘×d7 ♕×d7∓) 15...♗c6! 16. ♖fe1 ♗e7 17. ♖ac1 0–0 18. ♘e4 ♘f5∓ Korchnoi – Iruzubieta Villaluenga, Oviedo (Rapidplay) 1992] 12. ♖c1 ♘c4 13. ♗×c4 d×c4 14. ♘c3 ♗e7 15. 0–0 0–0 16. d5 e×d5 17. ♘d4 ♕g6 18. ♘×d5 ♗g5 19. f4± Dür – Damjanović, Graz 1979;

9...♘×b4?! 10. a×b4 ♕×b4+ 11. ♕d2 ♖c2 12. ♗c3 (12. ♗a3 ♕a4±) 12...♕b3 13. ♕e3 ♘h6 14. ♗d3 ♖×c3 15. ♘×c3 ♕×c3+ 16. ♔e2 ♕b2+ 17. ♕d2 ♕×d2+ 18. ♘×d2 a6±.

232 11. ♗×c4!? d×c4 12. ♖c1 c3 (12...♕a6 13. 0–0 ♘e7 14. ♘g5 h6 15. ♕h5 g6 16. ♕h3 ♘d5 17. ♘ge4± Rodriguez Boado – Masip Rodriguez, Mondariz 2000) 13. ♗×c3 ♘e7 14. 0–0 ♘d5 15. ♘e4 ♗e7 16. ♗d2 0–0 17. ♘c5 ♗c6⩲ Sax – Nogueiras, Lucerne 1989.

233 12...♕a6 13. d5 (13. ♘d2 b5 14. ♘e4 ♗c6⇄; 13. ♘g5!?±) 13...e×d5 14. ♕×d5±.

234 13. ♗×c4!? ♗×b4+ (13...a×b4 14. ♕b3∞) 14. a×b4 ♕×b4+ 15. ♘d2 (15. ♕d2 ♖×c4 16. ♖×c4 ♕×c4 17. ♕×a5 ♘e7 18. ♘d2 ♕c2 19. ♗a3 ♘c6= Yagupov – Rychagov, Russia 1993) 15...♕×b2 16. ♘e4 ♕b4+ 17. ♔e2 ♖c6!⇄; 17...♔e7? 18. ♘d6 ♖×c4 19. ♖×c4 ♗b5 20. ♕d3 ♗×c4 21. ♘×c4 b5 22. ♘d6 ♕b2+ 23. ♔f3± Hába – Stojanov, Datteln 2002.

235 14. ♘×c4 ♕d8! [14...♖×c4?! 15. ♗×c4 b×a3 16. ♗c3 ♕c6 17. ♗e2 ♕×g2 (17...♘e7 18. 0–0±) 18. ♗f3 ♕h3 19. ♗×b7 ♘h6 20. ♕f3± Grosar – Weinzettl, Austrian League 2003/04; 14...♕a7?! 15. a×b4 ♗×b4+ 16. ♗c3 ♗×c3+ 17. ♖×c3± Sveshnikov – Nevednichy, Bled 1991] 15. a×b4 [15. a4!? ♗c6 16. a5! ♗e7 (16...♖c7? 17. ♘d6+! ♗×d6 18. e×d6 ♕×d6 19. d5+–) 17. ♘b6 ♖c7 18. d5!?↑ Fressinet – Soćko, German League 2002/03] 15...♗×b4+ [15...b5?! 16. ♘d6+! ♗×d6 17. e×d6 ♘f6□ 18. ♗d3! (18. ♖c5? Sveshnikov – Lputian, Moscow 1991) 18...0–0 19. 0–0 ♗c6 20. d5↑ ♘×d5 (20...e×d5 21. ♗f5 ♕×d6 22. ♗×c8±) 21. ♕g4!; 15...♗c6!? 16. b5!? ♗d5 17. ♗e2 ♗×g2 18. ♖g1 ♗d5 19. ♘e3⇄] 16. ♗c3 ♗×c3+ 17. ♖×c3 ♔f8 18. ♖a3 ♗c6 19. ♘d6± Peng Xiaomin – Soćko, 34th Olympiad, Istanbul 2000.

236 9...♘ge7 10. ♗d3 a6 11. ♕d2 ♘a7 12. ♘c3 ♕c7 13. ♖c1 ♘b5 14. ♘a2 ♕d8 15. ♕b2 ♖×c1+ 16. ♗×c1 ♘c8 17. 0–0 ♗e7 18. a4 ♘ba7 19. b5± Grosar – Raičević, Yugoslav Championship, Kladovo 1991.

237 10...♘f5 11. 0–0 ♗e7 12. ♘bd2 0–0 13. ♗×f5 e×f5 14. ♘b3 ♗e6 15. ♕d2 ♖c7 16. h4 ♖fc8 17. h5 h6 18. ♘c5± Najer – Soćko, ACP Blitz 2004.

238 11...♗e7 12. ♘bd2!? (12. ♕d2 f5 13. e×f6 ♗×f6 14. ♘c3 ♘×e3 15. f×e3 0–0 16. ♖f2 ♕c7 17. ♖c1 ♘e7 18. ♕c2 h6 19. ♕b3 ♔h8 20. ♘e2 ♕d6 21. ♖cf1⇄ Movsesian – Heberla, Czech League 2003/04) 12...♘×e3 13. f×e3 ♘b8 14. ♕b1 ♗a4 15. e4 ♘c6 16. ♕b2 a5 17. e×d5 e×d5 18. b5 ♘d8 19. ♖ac1 ♖×c1 20. ♖×c1 0–0 21. ♘b1 ♘e6 22. ♔h1 ♘g5 23. ♘c3 ♘×f3 24. ♘×d5 ♕d8 25. ♘×e7+ ♕×e7 26. g×f3± Balashov – Belozerov, Elista 2001.

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12...♗e7

a) 13. ♘bd2 ♘d8 (13...♘b8 14. ♕e2 ♗a4 15. e4 ♘c6 16. ♕e3 0–0 17. ♖ab1 a5 18. b×a5 ♕a7 19. e×d5 e×d5 20. ♖b6!? ♘×a5 21. ♖h6 ♗c2 22. ♖h3⇄ Motylev – Rychagov, Kolontayevo 1997; 13...0–0 14. ♘b3 ♘b8 15. ♕e2 ♖c7 16. h4± Torre – Chernin, New Delhi 1990) 14. ♕e2 ♖c3 15. ♖fe1 0–0 16. g4 a6 17. ♘b1 ♖c8 18. ♕d2 ♕c7 19. ♖a2 ♗a4 20. ♕g2 f6⇄ Baklan – Moskalenko, Zonal Tournament, Donetsk 1998;

b) 13. ♕e2 0–0 14. ♘bd2 f6 15. b5 ♘d8 16. e×f6 ♗×f6 17. ♘e5 ♗e8 18. ♕g4 ♖c3⇄ Smirnov – Belozerov, Novosibirsk 1999;

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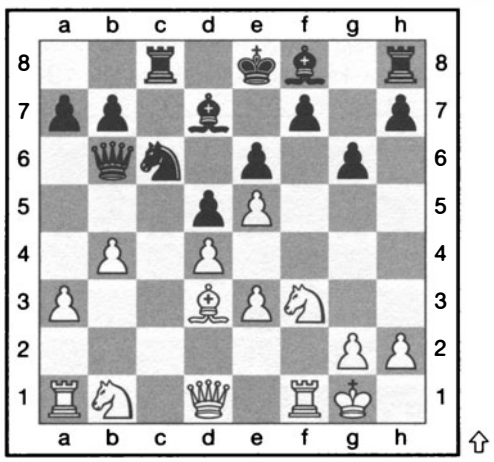

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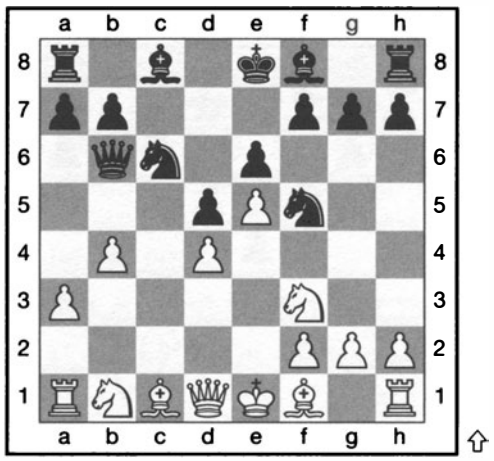
13. ♘c3 ♗h6 (13...♗g7 14. ♘a4 ♕d8 15. ♘c5 ♖c7 16. ♖c1 0–0 17. ♖f2 ♕e7 18. ♖fc2 ♘d8□ 19. ♘×d7 ♖×c2 20. ♘f6+! ♗×f6 21. ♖×c2 ♗g5 22. ♕c1± Kharlov – Gleizerov, Bled 1990) 14. ♕e1 0–0 15. ♘d1! (15. ♘a4 Sveshnikov – Piskov, Bled 1990) 15...f6 16. e×f6 ♖×f6 17. ♘f2 e5 18. b5 ♘×d4 19. ♘×e5 ♗×b5 20. e×d4±.

241 14. ♕e2 (14. ♕e1!?) 14...♘e7 (14...0–0 15. ♘b3 ♕d8 16. ♘c5 ♖c7 17. h4 ♘b8 18. g4 b6 19. ♘×d7 ♕×d7 20. g5 ♗g7 21. ♘h2± Ibragimov – Volzhin, Katowice 1992) 15. g4 ♖c3 (15...♗a4 16. h4 ♖c3 17. ♘e1 0–0 18. ♖a2 ♖c1 19. ♘df3 ♗g7 20. ♕h2↑ Gafner – Snatenkov, Orsk 2000) 16. ♖fc1 ♖×c1+ (16...♕c7 17. ♘b3 b6 18. ♕d2 ♖×c1+ 19. ♖×c1 ♕b8 20. g5 ♗g7 21. ♕c3 ♗a4 22. ♘bd2 ♔d7 23. ♕b2 ♖c8 24. ♘b1 ♖×c1+ 25. ♕×c1 ♕c8 26. ♕×c8+ ♘×c8 27. ♘c3± Heberla – Moskalik, Poland 1999) 17. ♖×c1 ♗a4!±; 17...0–0 18. ♘b3 ♖c8 19. ♘c5± Najer – Totsky, Capelle la Grande 2004.

Table 7

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4[242] ♘f5



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	f6![243]	♘×e3	f×e5	♘×d4	e4	d×e4	♗d7[246]		∞
36	♗b2	♗d3!?[248]	♕a4[250]	b5	♗×f5	0–0	♘c3	♕b3	
	♗e7!?[247]	a5[249]	0–0	f6[251]	e×f5[252]	♗e6	♘a7	♖fd8[253]	±
37	...	h4	♗d3	♗×f5	♘c3	b5	♕d3	0–0	
	...	h5[254]	a5[255]	e×f5	♗e6[256]	a4!	♘a7	♖c8[257]	±
38	...	g4!?[258]	♖g1[259]	e×f6	♘c3	♘a4	♖c1	♘c5[262]	
	♗d7	♘h6	f6	g×f6	♘f7	♕c7[260]	♕f4[261]	♗×c5[263]	±
39	...	...	♘c3	g5[265]	♘a4	♗d3	♖c1	♖g1	
	...	♘fe7	h5[264]	♘f5[266]	♕d8	h4?!	♗e7	g6[267]	±
40	...	...	...	♕c2[268]	♗×c4	♘d2	♘ce4	♘×c4	
	...	...	♘a5	♘c4	d×c4	♕c6	♘d5[269]	♘b6!?[270]	±

242 8. ♗×h6 g×h6 9. c×d4

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9...♗d7 10. ♗e2 a5!? [10...♖c8 11. 0–0 ♗g7 (11...♘e7 12. ♗d3 ♗g7 13. ♕d2 ♕c7 14. a4 a6 15. ♖a3 0–0 16. ♘c3 f6 17. e×f6 ♖×f6 18. ♘e2± Motylev – San Segundo Carrillo, Úbeda 2000) 12. ♕d2 0–0 13. ♖a2 a6 14. ♕e3 f6 15. e×f6 ♖×f6 16. ♘bd2 e5⇄ Polovnikova – Matveeva, Krasnoturinsk 2004] 11. b5 ♘e7 12. ♘c3 a4 13. 0–0 ♕a5 14. ♕d2 ♘c8 15. ♖fc1 ♘b6 16. h3!± Rogers – Velimirović, Vršac 1987.

243 9...g6 10. ♗d3 ♘×e3 11. f×e3 ♗h6 12. ♕d2 ♗d7 13. ♘c3 ♘e7 14. g4 ♗g7 15. 0–0 ♖c8 16. a4± Morozevich – Milos, FIDE World Championship, New Delhi/Teheran 2000.

244 **10. e×f6** g×f6 11. ♗d3 (11. ♕d2? ♘×b4! 12. ♘c3 ♕a5 13. ♗b5+ ♗d7?! Sveshnikov – Doroshkevich, Anapa 1991; 13...♘c6∓) 11...♘×e3 12. f×e3 ♗h6 13. ♕e2 ♗d7 14. ♘c3 ♘e7 15. 0–0 0–0 16. ♔h1 ♖ac8⇄ Morozevich – Bareev, Monaco (blind) 2002;

10. b5 ♘×e5!? 11. d×e5 ♘×e3 12. f×e3 ♕×e3+ 13. ♗e2 (13. ♕e2 ♕c1+ 14. ♕d1 ♕e3+=) 13...♗c5∞.

245 12. 0–0 e4 13. ♘h4 e×d3 14. ♕h5+ ♔d7 15. ♘g6 h×g6 16. ♕×h8 ♗e7 17. ♕×g7 a5∓.

246 Potkin – Filippov, Russian League, Togliatti 2003.

247 9...a5 10. b5 a4 11. g4 ♘fe7 12. ♘c3 ♘b8 13. ♗d3 ♘d7 14. 0–0 ♘g6 15. ♖c1 ♗e7 16. ♘×a4 ♕a5 17. ♘c5± Sveshnikov – Bareev, PCA, Moscow 1995.

248 10. ♗e2 0–0 11. 0–0 a5 12. b5 a4 13. g4 ♘h4 14. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 15. ♗d3 (15. ♕d2 ♘a5 16. g5 ♕d8 17. f4 ♘b3 18. ♕e3 ♘×a1 19. ♗×a1 f6∓ Sveshnikov – Slochevsky, Moscow (Rapidplay) 1989) 15...♘a5 16. ♘c3 ♘c4 17. ♗×c4 d×c4 18. ♗c1 f6 19. ♗e3∞ Sveshnikov – Bareev, Moscow (Rapidplay) 1989.

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10...♗d7

a) 11. ♗×f5 e×f5 12. ♘c3 ♗e6 13. 0–0 0–0 (13...♕d8 14. ♕d2 g5 15. ♘b5 h6⇄ Kamsky – Dokhoian, Pavlodar 1987) 14. ♕d3 ♖ac8 15. ♖ac1 a6 16. ♘a4 ♕a7 17. ♘c5± Gorelov – Yudasin, Minsk 1985;

b) 11. 0–0 ♖c8 [11...g5 12. ♗×f5 e×f5 13. ♘c3 ♗e6 14. ♘a4 ♕d8 (14...♕b5 15. ♘c5 g4 16. ♘e1 ♗×c5 17. d×c5 a5 18. ♘c2 a4 19. ♘d4± Fedorowicz – Dokhoian, Wijk aan Zee 1989) 15. ♘c5 g4 16. ♘e1 b6 17. ♘×e6 f×e6 18. ♘d3± Fressinet – Salaun, French League, 1998] 12. ♘bd2 g5 13. ♘b3 h5 14. ♖c1 g4 15. ♘e1 a5 16. ♗×f5 e×f5

17. ♘d3 a×b4 18. ♘bc5 ♗e6 19. a×b4 ♕b5 20. ♘f4 ♖h6 21. ♗c3± Khalifman – Dolmatov, Rethymnon 2003;

10...0–0 11. 0–0 f6?! 12. ♗×f5 e×f5 13. ♘c3 ♗e6 14. ♘a4 ♕d8 15. ♘c5 ♗×c5 16. d×c5± Sveshnikov – Paramos Dominguez, Oviedo (Rapidplay) 1993.

250 11. ♗×f5 e×f5 12. ♘c3 ♗e6 13. b5 a4 14. ♕d3 (14. b×c6 ♕×b2 15. 0–0 b×c6⇄ Shirov – Khalifman, Linares 2000; 14. 0–0 ♘a5 15. ♗c1 ♘c4 16. ♘×a4 ♕×b5 17. ♘c3 ♕c6 18. ♖b1 ♗×a3 19. ♗×a3 ♘×a3 20. ♖b3 0–0 21. ♕d3 ♘c4 22. h3 ♖fc8∓ Vasyukov – Moskalenko, Belgorod 1990) 14...♘b8 15. ♗c1 h6 16. ♘g1?! Sveshnikov – Moskalenko, Norilsk 1987; 16. 0–0±.

251 **12...♗d7** 13. 0–0 ♘h4 14. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 15. ♕c2 ♘a7 16. ♗×h7+ ♔h8 17. a4± Mukhametov – Rechel, Berlin 1997;

12...♘h4 13. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 14. g3 ♗d8 15. 0–0 ♗d7 16. ♖a2 ♘a7 17. ♘c3 f6 18. ♗a1 f5 19. f4 ♖f7∞ Kiik – Korchnoi, Stockholm 2003.

252 13...f×e5 14. ♗×h7+! (14. ♗h3 Vysochin – Sambuev, St. Petersburg 2003) 14...♔×h7 15. ♕c2+ e4 16. b×c6+–.

253 17. ♖fe1 f×e5 18. ♘×e5 ♗f6 19. a4 ♕×d4?! 20. ♘e4!± Lastin – Ivanov, Moscow 2004.

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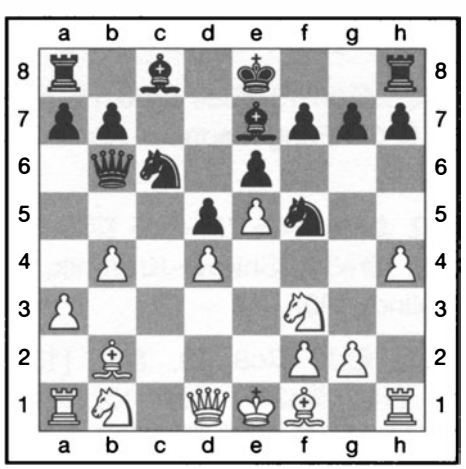

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255 **11...g6** 12. ♗×f5 g×f5 13. ♘c3 ♖g8 14. ♘g5 (14. 0–0 ♖g4 15. ♘e2 ♗d7 16. g3 0–0–0 17. ♗c1± Grischuk – Zhang Pengxiang, Shanghai 2001) 14...♕×d4 15. ♕×d4 ♘×d4 16. ♘×d5 ♘c2+ 17. ♔d2 e×d5 18. ♔×c2 ♗×g5 19. h×g5 ♖×g5 20. ♗d4 ♗e6 21. g3⩲ Grischuk – Sakaev, Russian League, Tomsk 2001;

11...♗d7 12. ♗×f5 e×f5 13. ♘c3 ♗e6±.

256 13...a×b4 14. ♘×d5 ♕a5 15. ♘×e7 b3+ 16. ♘d2 ♘×e7 17. ♕×b3 ♖h6 18. ♗c3 ♕d5 19. 0–0 ♕×b3 20. ♘×b3± Sveshnikov – Bareev, Russian Championship, Elista 1996.

257 17. ♗c1 ♖c4 18. ♘e2!? (18. ♖d1?! ♘×b5 19. ♘e2 ♕c6 20. ♗g5 ♗×g5 21. ♘×g5 ♘c3 22. ♘×c3 ♖×c3 23. ♕e2 g6 24. ♖d3 0–0 25. ♖ad1 ♖c8∓ Grischuk – Lputian, 35th Olympiad, Bled 2002) 18...♕×b5 (18...0–0!?⇄ 19. ♗g5 ♗×g5 20. ♘×g5 ♖fc8 21. ♕f3 g6 22. ♘f4 ♕×d4 23. ♘g×e6 f×e6 24. ♕g3 ♕×f4 25. ♕×g6+=) 19. ♗g5 ♕b3 20. ♕×b3 a×b3 21. ♗×e7 ♔×e7 22. ♖fb1 ♖hc8 23. ♖×b3 b5 24. ♘f4 g6± Vysochin – Polivanov, St. Petersburg 2002.

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259 11. h3 f6 (11...♗e7 12. ♗d3 ♖c8 13. ♘bd2 ♘b8 14. ♕e2 a6 15. ♘b1 ♘c6 16. 0–0 0–0 17. ♘c3 ♘×d4 18. ♘×d4 ♕×d4 19. ♘e4 ♕b6 20. ♘f6+→ Timman – Hansen, Malmö 2003) 12. ♘c3 [12. ♗d3 ♘f7 13. ♘bd2 f×e5 (13...♗e7 14. 0–0 ♘g5 15. ♔g2 0–0 16. e×f6 ♗×f6 17. h4 ♘×f3 18. ♘×f3 g6⇄ Sveshnikov – Lputian, Training match, Sochi 1993) 14. d×e5 ♗e7 15. ♖c1 ♘g5 16. h4 ♘×f3+ 17. ♕×f3 ♘d4 18. ♕e3 ♘b5⇄ Sveshnikov – Lputian, Tilburg (Rapidplay) 1992] 12...f×e5 13. d×e5 ♗e7 14. ♘a4 ♕d8 15. ♖c1 0–0 16. ♘c5 ♗×c5 17. ♖×c5 ♘f7⇄ Sveshnikov – Lputian, Training match, Sochi 1993.

260 14...♕d8 15. ♘c5 b6 16. ♘×d7 ♕×d7 17. ♖c1 ♘cd8 18. h4! ♗d6 19. ♖c3± Vasyukov – Bukhman, St. Petersburg 1994.

261 15...♕d6?! 16. ♘c5 ♗c8 17. h4 ♗e7 18. g5± Sveshnikov – Dvoiris, Cheliabinsk 2004.

262 16. ♖c3 ♘g5 17. b5 ♘a5 18. ♘×g5 f×g5∞ Savić – Lputian, Bosnian League, Neum 2002.

263 17. d×c5 ♘ce5 18. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 19. ♖g3!± Short – Lputian, Batumi 1999.

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11...♘g6 12. h4 (12. ♘a4 ♕d8 13. ♘c5 ♗×c5 14. d×c5 ♕c7 15. ♕e2± Vysochin – Prezerakos, Corinth 2004) 12...h5 13. g5 a5 14. b5 ♘ce7 15. ♘a4 ♕d8 16. ♘c5 ♘f5 17. ♖c1 b6 18. ♘×d7 ♕×d7 19. ♖c6 ♖b8 20. ♕c2± Sveshnikov – Miljanić, Tivat 1995;

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265 12. ♘a4 ♕d8 13. ♘c5 ♗c8 14. g5 b6 15. ♘a6 ♘b8 16. ♖c1 ♗×a6 17. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 18. ♕a4+ ♕d7 19. ♕×a6 ♘g6= Flores – Vallejo Pons, Oropesa del Mar 1999.

266 12...♘g6 13. ♘a4 ♕d8 14. ♖c1 ♗e7 15. ♖g1 0–0∞ Peng Xiaomin – Korchnoi, Calcutta 2000.

267 17. ♗×f5 e×f5 18. ♘c5 ♖b8 19. ♕e2 ♗e6 20. ♕e3± Shirov – Kramnik, Monte Carlo (blind) 1997.

268 12. ♘d2 ♖c8 13. ♖c1 [13...♘g6 14. h4 (14. ♕e2!? ♗e7 15. ♕e3 0–0 16. h4! f6 17. h5 ♘h8 18. ♖c2 ♘c6 (18...♘c4 ♖f4 23. ♘g5!+–) 19. ♘a4 ♕d8=, Motylev – Ponomariov, World Cup, Khanty-Mansiysk 2005) 14...♗e7 (14...h5!? 15. g×h5 ♘f4 16. ♘a4 ♖×c1∓) 15. h5 [15. g5 h6 (15...0–0 16. ♘e2 ♖fd8 17. h5 ♘f8

18. ♖g1 ♖×c1 19. ♘×c1 ♘c6 20. ♖g4 ♖c8 21. ♘cb3 ♘d8!= Shirov – Gurevich, World Cup, Khanty-Mansiysk 2005) 16. g×h6 ♖×h6 17. h5 ♘h4 18. ♕g4 ♘f5 19. ♗d3 ♗f8 20. ♘e2 ♘c4 ⇄ Grischuk – Radjabov, Wijk aan Zee 2003] 15...♘f4 16. ♕f3 ♗g5 17. ♘e2 (17. ♖c2 ±) 17...♖×c1+ 18. ♘×c1 0–0 19. h6 g6 ⇄ Grischuk – Kruppa, Elista 2000] 13...h5 14. ♖c2 ♘c4 15. ♗×c4 d×c4 16. ♘ce4 ♘d5 17. ♘×c4 ♖×c4 18. ♖×c4 a5 ∞ Ivanchuk – Bareev, Dubai (Rapidplay) 2002.

269 **15...c3!?** 16. ♘d6+ [16. ♕×c3 ♘d5 17. ♕b3 (17. ♕×c6 ♗×c6 ∞) 17...♗e7 18. ♖c1 ♕b5 19. ♘c4 0–0 20. ♘ed6 ♗×d6 21. ♘×d6 ♕b6 22. g5□ a5 23. b5 (23. ♘c4 ♕b5 24. ♘d6 ♕b6=) 23...a4 24. ♕d3 ♖fd8 25. 0–0 ♗e8 26. ♖c5 ♖×d6 27. e×d6 ♕×d6 ∞, Hába – Kosić, 36th Chess Olympiad, Calvià 2004] 16...♔d8 17. ♘×f7+ ♔e8 18. ♘d6+ ♔d8 19. ♘f7+ (19. ♘2e4 c×b2 20. ♕×b2 ∞) 19...♔e8 20. ♘d6+ ♔d8= Sveshnikov – Radjabov, Tallinn (Rapidplay) 2004;

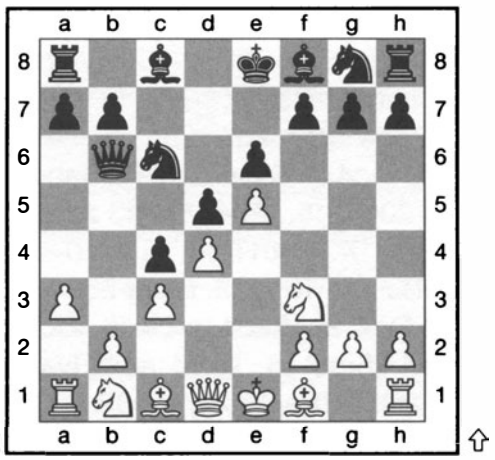
15...♘c8!? 16. ♕×c4 ♘b6 17. ♕×c6 ♗×c6 18. ♔e2 ♘a4 19. ♖hb1 ±.

270 17. ♘cd6+ ♗×d6 18. ♘×d6+ ♔e7 19. ♕×c6 ♗×c6 20. ♖g1 ± Sveshnikov – Potkin, Russian Championship, Krasnoyarsk 2003; 20. 0–0 h5 ±.

Notes

Table 8

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4



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41	g3?!271	♗h3273	♘×e5274	d×e5	♕h5+	♕e2	♘d2	♘f3	
	f6!272	f×e5	♘×e5	♗c5275	g6	♗d7	♘e7276	h6277	∞
42	♘bd2!?	b3!279	♘×b3	♘×a5	♗d2	♕b1	♗d3	0–0	
	♗d7?!278	c×b3	♘a5	♕×a5	♕a4280	♗c6281	♘e7	h6282	±
43	...	♗e2283	♘×e5	d×e5	0–0	b4287	♘×b3	♘×c5	
	f6?!	f×e5!?284	♘×e5285	♗c5286	♘e7	c×b3	0–0	♕×c5288	±
44	...	g3289	♗h3!?	0–0292	♕e2293	♘e1	f4	♘df3	
	♘a5!	♗d7290	♗e7291	h5	0–0–0294	g6295	♘h6	♘b3296	⇄
45	...	...	h4	e×f6	♘e5	♗h3	d×e5	♕g4	
	...	...	f5297	♘×f6298	♗d6	♗×e5299	♘g8	g6300	±
46	...	♗e2	0–0	♖b1	g3302	♘h4304	e×f6	♗g4	
	...	♗d7	h6301	♘e7	0–0–0303	f5305	g×f6	e5306	±

271 7. ♗e2 ♗d7 8. ♘bd2 ♘a5 9. 0–0 see Note 301.

272 7...♗d7 [8. ♘bd2 ♘a5 9. ♗h3 0–0–0 10. 0–0 ♗e7 11. ♘e1?! (11. ♖e1⇄) 11...h5 12. f4?! g6 13. ♘df3 ♘b3 14. ♖b1 ♘h6 15. ♗e3 ♔b8 16. ♘g2∞ Sveshnikov – Kalinin, Cheliabinsk 1977] 8. h4!? ♘a5 9. ♘bd2

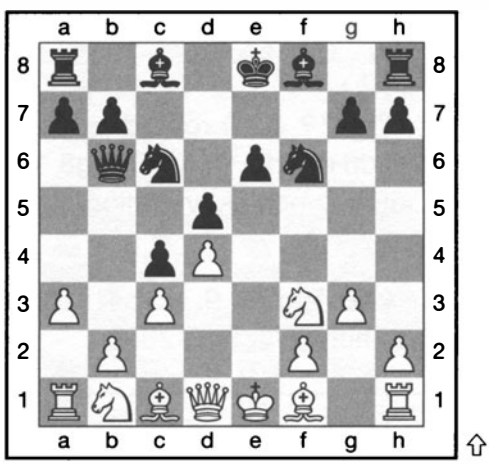
9...0–0–0 10. ♗h3 f5 11. ♗g2 (11. 0–0 ♘h6 12. ♘e1 ♘f7 13. ♘g2 g5 14. h×g5 ♘×g5 15. ♘f4 ♘×h3+ 16. ♘×h3 ♗e7 17. ♖b1 ♖dg8∓ Klinger – Portisch, Olympiad, Dubai 1986) 11...♔b8 12. ♘g5 ♘h6 13. ♘f1 ♘b3 14. ♖b1 ♘×c1 15. ♕×c1 ♗e7 16. ♘d2 ♗a4 17. 0–0 ♖df8 18. b3 c×b3 19. c4⇄ Reefat – Pelletier, 35th Olympiad, Bled 2002;

9...h5 10. ♗h3 (10. ♘g5!? ♘e7 11. ♕f3 ♘f5 12. ♗h3 g6 13. ♗×f5! g×f5 14. ♕e2 ♗a4 15. ♘df3 ♘b3 16. ♖b1 ♘×c1 17. ♖×c1± Degraeve – Sokolov, Baguio 1987) 10...♘h6 (10...f6?! 11. e×f6 g×f6 12. 0–0 0–0–0 13. ♖e1 ♘h6 14. ♘h2!± Sax – Kuligowski, Zonal Tournament, Warsaw 1979) 11. 0–0 ♗e7 12. ♘e1 g6 13. ♘g2 0–0–0 14. ♖b1 ♔b8 15. ♘f3! ♕b3 16. ♕e2 ♗a4 17. ♗g5± Sax – Ree, Amsterdam 1979;

9...h6 10. ♗h3 0–0–0 11. 0–0 ♘e7 12. ♖b1 (12. ♖e1 ♘ec6 13. ♖b1 ♗e7 14. ♕c2 ♔b8 15. ♘f1 ♕b3 16. ♕e2 ♕b6 17. ♗e3 ♘b3 18. h5 ♔a8 19. ♘3h2 ♖dg8∞ Vysochin – Rustemov, Polanica Zdrój 1997) 12...♔b8 13. ♘e1 ♘f5 14. ♘g2 ♗e7 15. ♕f3 ♗c8 16. h5 ♖hf8 17. ♘f4± Sax – Knaak, Szirák 1985;

9...♕c6 10. ♘g5 h6 11. ♘h3 ♕a4 12. ♕f3 ♕c2 13. ♘f4 ♘e7 14. ♘g2!? ♕h7?! (14...♘b3 15. ♘×b3 ♕×b3 16. ♘e3±) 15. b4! c×b3□ 16. ♗d3 ♕g8 17. ♖b1 ♗a4 18. ♘e3 ♖c8 19. c4↑ Sveshnikov – Eingorn, Sochi 1986.

273 8. e×f6 ♘×f6



9. ♗h3 ♗d6 10. ♕e2 0–0 11. ♗×e6+ ♔h8 12. ♗×c8 ♖a×c8 (12...♖e8 13. ♗e6 ♘d8 14. ♘e5 ♘×e6⇄) 13. 0–0 ♖ce8 14. ♕c2 ♘e4⩲;

9. ♗g2 ♗d6 10. 0–0 0–0

a) 11. ♖e1 ♗d7 (11...♘e4 12. ♘bd2 ♘×d2 13. ♕×d2 ♗d7 14. ♕c2 ♖ae8⇄) 12. ♕c2 ♖ae8∓;

b) 11. ♘bd2?! e5! 12. d×e5 ♗×e5! 13. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 14. ♕e2?! ♖e8! 15. ♘f3 ♗g4∓ Przewoźnik – Uhlmann, Poland – GDR, Zakopane 1980;

c) 11. ♕e2 ♗d7 [11...♔h8 12. ♘e5 ♘d7 (12...♗×e5?! 13. d×e5 ♘d7 14. ♗e3 ♕a5 15. f4 ♘c5 16. ♘d2± Sax – Uhlmann, Sarajevo 1982) 13. ♘×c6 (13. f4 ♘d×e5 14. f×e5 ♖×f1+ 15. ♔×f1 ♗e7∓) 13...♕×c6 14. f4 (14. ♕×e6 ♘f6⩲) 14...♘f6 15. ♘d2 ♗d7 16. ♘f3 ♘e4= Gertler – Polgar, New York 1985] 12. ♘e5 ♖ae8 13. ♘d2 (13. ♗f4 ♗×e5 14. d×e5 ♘e4! 15. ♗×e4 d×e4∞) 13...♗c8 14. f4±.

274 9. d×e5 ♗c5 10. 0–0 ♘ge7 11. ♘bd2 0–0 12. b4 c×b3 13. ♖b1 (13. ♘×b3 ♖×f3! 14. ♘×c5 ♘×e5 15. ♗g2 ♖f8 16. ♗e3 ♕c7∓) 13...♘a5∓.

275 10...♗d7 11. 0–0 ♘e7⇄.

276 13...0–0–0!?.

277 **14...0–0–0** 15. ♗g5 h6 16. ♗×e7 ♗×e7 17. ♘d4⇄;

14...h6 15. 0–0 0–0–0∞ Malaniuk – Uhlmann, Tallinn 1987.

278 7...♘ge7? 8. ♗×c4! d×c4 9. ♘×c4 ♕a6 10. ♘d6+ ♔d7 11. ♘×f7 ♖g8 12. ♕c2 h6 13. ♘d6± Sveshnikov – Milos, Budapest 1988.

279 8. ♗e2 ♘ge7? 9. ♗×c4!± Panarin – Nepomniashchy, Vladimir 2002.

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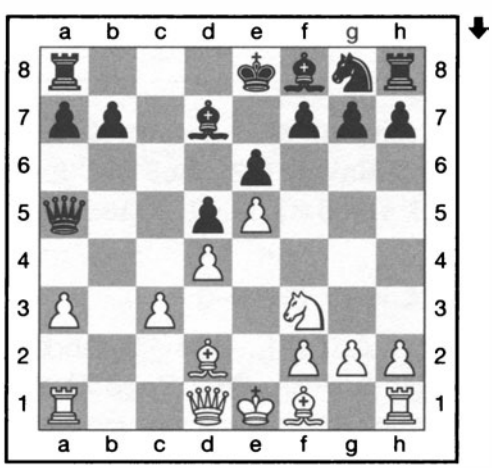

11...♗a4 12. ♕b1 ♕c7 13. ♗d3 ♘e7 14. 0–0 ♕d7 15. ♖c1 h6 16. ♖a2 ♘c8 17. c4 d×c4 18. ♖×c4 ♗c6 19. ♖×c6!! b×c6 20. d5!→ Prashnik – Yakimenko, corr. 1994/96;

11...♘e7 12. ♗d3 ♕c7 13. 0–0 h6

a) 14. ♘h4!? ♘c6 (14...♘f5? 15. ♘×f5 e×f5 16. ♕f3±; 14...g6 15. g3 ♘c8?! 16. ♗×g6!?↑ Motylev – Hort, Hoogeveen 2003) 15. f4 ♗e7 16. ♕g4 g6 17. ♘×g6 ♖g8 18. ♕h5 f×g6 19. ♗×g6+ ♔d8 20. f5⩲;

b) 14. ♘e1 ♘c6 15. f4 g6 16. g4 0–0–0 17. f5 g×f5 18. g×f5 e×f5 19. ♗×f5 ♗e6 20. ♕h5 ♔b8 21. ♘d3 ♗e7⇄ Vlassov – Ilyushin, St. Petersburg 1995;

c) 14. ♕e2!? ♘c8 15. ♗e3 ♘b6 16. ♘d2 ♗c6 17. f4 g6 18. ♖fc1 ♕d7 19. a4 ♘×a4 20. c4⩲ Charbonneau – Bluvshtein, Montréal 2003.

281 12...♕c6 13. ♗d3 h6 14. 0–0 ♘e7 15. ♖c1± Sveshnikov – Kiselev, Moscow (Rapidplay) 1994.

282 15. ♖c1 ♘c8 (15...b5 16. ♖c2 ♖b8 17. ♖b2±) 16. c4± Sveshnikov – Timman, Tilburg 1992.

283 **8. e×f6** ♘×f6 9. b3 c×b3 10. ♖b1 ♗d6 11. ♗d3 0–0 12. 0–0 e5↑;

8. g3 f×e5 9. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 10. d×e5 ♗c5 11. ♕h5+ g6 12. ♕e2 ♘e7 13. ♗g2 ♗d7 14. 0–0 0–0–0 15. ♘f3⇄ Honfi – Uhlmann, Solingen 1974;

8. b3!? f×e5 (8...c×b3 9. ♘×b3 ♕c7 10. c4!?±)

a) 9. b×c4?! e4 10. ♘g5 (10. ♘h4? ♘f6 11. g3 ♗e7 12. ♖b1 ♕c7 13. ♗e2 0–0 14. 0–0 ♘a5!∓ Enders – Uhlmann, GDR Championship, Eggesin 1978; 10. ♖b1 ♕a5 11. ♘b3 ♕c7 12. ♘g5 ♘f6 13. c×d5 e×d5 14. c4 ♗f5∓) 10...♘f6 (10...♗e7 11. ♖b1 ♕d8 12. ♖×b7!? ♗×g5 13. ♖×g7 ♔f8□ 14. ♖×g5 ♕×g5 15. ♘×e4⩲) 11. f3?! (11. ♖b1 ♕c7 12. g3 h6 13. ♘h3 g5↑; 11. ♗e2 ♕a5 12. ♗b2 ♗d6 13. ♗h5+ ♔e7!∓) 11...♕a5?! Cherniaev – Korniushin, Vladivostok 1995; 11...e3∓;

b) 9. ♘×e5!? (Bronstein) 9...♘×e5 10. d×e5 ♗c5?! (10...♘h6!? 11. b×c4 ♗c5 12. ♕h5+ ♘f7 13. ♕e2 0–0 14. f4±) 11. ♕h5+ [11. ♕f3 c×b3 (11...♘e7?? 12. b4+– Hansen – Lovik, Copenhagen 2004) 12. ♖b1 ♕c7 13. ♕h5+ g6 14. ♗b5+ ♗d7 15. ♗×d7+ ♔×d7 16. ♕e2 ♘e7 17. ♘×b3± Buchnicek – Sebenik, Bled 2003] 11...g6 12. ♕h4 ♕c7 13. ♘f3 ♘e7 14. b4 ♘f5 15. ♕h3 ♗e7 16. ♗e2 0–0 17. g4 ♘g7 18. ♕g3± Bronstein – Roos, Hastings 1993/94.

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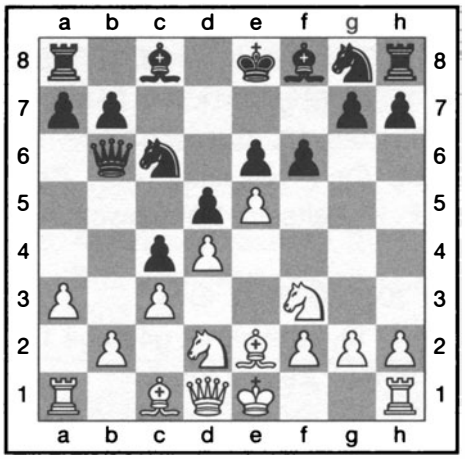

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8...♕c7?! 9. 0–0!? f×e5 (9...♗d7 10. b3!?↑) 10. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 11. d×e5 ♘e7 [11...♕×e5 12. ♖e1 ♕f6 (12...♕d6 13. b3 c×b3 14. c4 ♘f6 15. ♕×b3 ♗e7 16. c×d5 e×d5 17. ♗b5+ ± Casper – Knaak, GDR Championship, Fürstenwalde 1981) 13. ♘f3 ♗d7 14. ♗g5 ♕f5 15. ♗h4 ♗e7 16. ♗×e7 ♘×e7 17. ♘e5 ♖f8 18. ♔h1 ♖f6 19. ♗×c4 0–0–0 20. ♗d3 ± Baklan – Florath, Groningen 1996] 12. b3! c×b3 13. c4! ♕×e5 14. ♖b1 → ♘g6 (14...♗d7 15. ♗b2 ± △ ♗h5+) 15. c×d5 ± Casper – Uhlmann, Berlin 1982.

285 9...♘f6 10. f4! (10. 0–0 ♗d6 11. ♘df3 0–0 12. ♕c2 ♕c7 13. ♗f4 ♘h5 14. ♘×c6 ♘×f4 15. ♘ce5 ♗d7 16. ♖fe1 ♖f5 17. ♗f1 ♘g6 ∓ Teske – Uhlmann, GDR Championship, Nordhausen 1986) 10...♗d6 11. ♗h5+! (11. ♘df3 ± △ 0–0, ♕c2, ♔h1, ♗e3) 11...g6 12. ♗f3 0–0 13. ♕e2 ♕c7 14. g3 ♗d7 15. ♘×d7! ± Pähtz – Uhlmann, GDR Championship, Nordhausen 1986.

286 10...♘h6 11. ♘×c4! d×c4 12. ♗×h6 ♗d7 □ 13. ♗g5 ♕×b2 14. 0–0 ♕×c3 15. ♗h5+ g6 16. ♕b1!! ± Pähtz – Uhlmann, Erfurt 1985.

287 12. ♗h5+ g6 13. ♗g4 h5 14. ♗e2 ♗d7 15. ♖b1 0–0 16. ♘×c4 d×c4 17. ♕×d7 ♖ad8 18. ♕a4 ♖×f2 19. ♖×f2 ♗×f2+ 20. ♔h1 ♕c6 ⇄ Vallejo Pons – Pelletier, Biel 2002.

288 **15. a4?!** ♕×c3 16. ♗a3 ♖f7 17. ♗d6 ♘f5 18. ♖c1 ♕a5 ∓;

15. ♕d4 ♕×d4 16. c×d4 ♗d7 17. ♖b1 ♖ab8 18. a4 ♖fc8 = Prié – Lautier, Paris 1988;

15. ♕d3 ♕c7 (15...♖f7 16. ♖b1 b6 17. ♕h3 ♕c7 18. ♗d3 g6 19. ♖e1 ♕×c3 20. ♗b2 ♕c6 21. ♖bc1 ♕d7 22. ♖c2 ∞ Conquest – Pelletier, French League, 2002) 16. ♗g5 (16. f4 ♗d7 17. a4 ♖ac8 18. ♗a3 ♖f7 19. ♗×e7 ♖×e7 ⇄) 16...♖f7 17. f4 ♗d7 18. ♗h5 ♕c5+ 19. ♔h1 ♖ff8 20. ♖ab1 (20. c4 ±) 20...b6 (20...b5 21. ♗×e7 ♕×e7 22. f5↑) 21. c4 ± Grischuk – Pelletier, Biel 2001.

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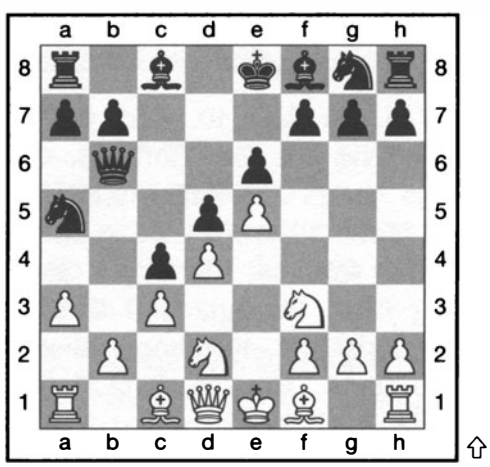

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8. ♖b1!? ♗d7 9. ♗e2 ♘e7 10. ♘f1 ♕b3 (10...f6 11. h4 0–0–0 12. h5 ♘ec6 13. ♗f4 f×e5 14. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 15. ♗×e5 ♘c6 16. ♗g3 ± Hába – Knaak, Halle 1987) 11. ♗f4 ♗a4 12. ♕×b3 ♗×b3 13. ♘e3 ♘g6 14. ♗g3 f5 15. e×f6 g×f6 16. ♘h4 ± Hába – Faragó, Wattens 1996;

8. b4!? (Keres) 8...c×b3 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 [10. ♖c1 ♗b5! 11. c4 d×c4 12. ♗×c4 ♘×c4 13. ♘×c4 ♗×c4 14. ♖×c4 ♘e7 15. ♖b4 ♕a6? (15...♕c6!∓) 16. ♕×b3 b6 17. ♘g5! ♘d5 18. ♖a4 ♕b7 19. ♕b5+ ♕d7 20. ♕×d7+ ♔×d7 21. ♘×f7 ♖g8 ∞ Remizov – Ilinsky,

USSR 1975] 10. c4 ♗a4 (10...♘e7!) 11. ♖c1 ♘e7 12. c5 ♕d8 13. ♗d3 ♘g6 14. g3 ♗e7 15. ♕e2 a6 16. h4 h6 17. h5 ♘f8 18. ♘h4 ♕d7 19. f4⩲ Circenis – Katishonok, Latvia 2001.

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8...♗e7 9. h4 ♗d7 10. ♗h3 f5 11. e×f6 (11. 0–0 ♘h6 12. ♘e1 ♘f7 13. ♘g2 g5 14. h×g5 ♘×g5 15. ♕h5+ ♔d8 16. ♘f4 ♘×h3+ 17. ♕×h3 ♔c7∓) 11...g×f6 12. 0–0 h5 13. ♖e1 ♘h6 14. ♖b1!? (14. ♕e2 ♘g4 15. ♘h2 f5⇄; 14. ♘h2 0–0–0 15. ♕×h5 ♖dg8⩲ Grischuk – Korchnoi, Biel 2001) 14...0–0–0 (14...♘g4 15. ♘h2 f5 16. ♘df3 0–0–0 17. ♗f4!?±) 15. b4 c×b3 16. ♘×b3 ♘g4 (16...♘×b3 17. ♖×b3 ♕c6 18. ♗f4 ♘g4 19. ♕e2±);

8...f5 9. e×f6 g×f6 10. ♗g2 ♘h6 11. ♘h4 ♘f7 12. 0–0 ♗g7 13. f4↑ Kristjánsson – Thorsteinsson, Reykjavík 2004.

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9...0–0–0 10. 0–0 ♘h6 (10...h6 11. ♘h4 g5 12. ♘g2 h5⇄) 11. ♖b1 ♗b5 12. ♖e1 ♕c6 13. b3 c×b3 14. ♘×b3 ♘×b3 15. ♕×b3 ♗d3 16. ♖a1∞ I. Zaitsev – Lunev, Orel 1994;

9...f6?! 10. e×f6! g×f6 11. 0–0 0–0–0 12. ♖e1 ♗g7 (12...♖e8 13. ♖b1 ♕c7 14. b3 c×b3 15. ♘×b3 ♘c4 16. ♗f4±) 13. ♖b1 ♔b8 14. b4± I. Zaitsev – Pokojowczyk, Sochi 1976;

9...♘e7 10. 0–0 h6 11. ♘h4

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b) 11...0–0–0 12. ♘g2 ♔b8 13. ♖b1 ♕c7 14. ♘e3 ♘c8 15. f4 g6 16. f5!? (16. ♘g4 ♗e7 17. ♗g2 ♘b6 18. ♕e2 ♗a4 19. ♘f3 ♘d7⇄) 16...g×f5 17. g4 f×g4 18. ♘×g4 ♗e8 19. ♘f6± I. Zaitsev – Savon, Dubna 1976;

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293 11. ♘e1!? g5! 12. ♗g2 0–0–0 13. ♘df3 (13. f4 g×f4 14. g×f4 ♘h6 15. ♕×h5?! ♘f5∓ Moroz – Glek, Kemerovo 1985) 13...g4 (13...♘b3?! 14. ♗×g5!⩲ Hennings – Hausner, GDR 1979) 14. ♘g5 ♘h6= Glek, ∓ *Fritz*.

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295 12...g5∓; 12...h4!?.

296 15. ♖b1 ♘×c1 16. ♖×c1 ♖dg8 17. ♘g5 ♕d8 18. ♕d2 b5⇄ Movsesian – Radjabov, Sarajevo 2002.

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298 10...g×f6 11. ♗h3 (11. ♘e5? f×e5 12. ♕h5+ ♔e7 13. ♕g5+ ♔f7 14. ♘f3 ♗g7 15. ♘×e5+ ♗×e5 16. ♕×e5 ♘f6–+ Korbut – Novikova, Vladimir 2002) 11...0–0–0 12. 0–0 ♘h6 13. ♖e1 ♖g8 14. ♘f1 ♘b3 15. ♗×h6 ♗×h6 16. ♖b1∓ Cherniaev – Harestad, Gausdal 1993.

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a1) 10...♕c6 11. ♕c2 ♘c8 12. ♘g5 h6 13. ♘h3 ♘b6 14. ♘f4 0–0–0! 15. ♘h5 ♕c7 16. a4! ♗c6 17. ♗d1 ♔b8 18. ♖e3!± Sveshnikov – Eingorn, Palma de Mallorca 1989;

a2) 10...♘g6!? 11. g3 (11. h4!? Glek) 11...♗e7 12. h4 f5 13. h5 ♘f8 14. ♖b1 g5∞ Motwani – Gurevich, Hastings 1991/92;

a3) 10...h6 11. ♖b1 (11. ♕c2?! 0–0–0 12. ♖b1 ♔b8 13. ♘f1 ♕b3 14. ♕×b3 ♘×b3 15. ♗f4 ♘c8 16. ♘g3∞ Sveshnikov – Nikolenko, 58th USSR Championship, Moscow 1991)

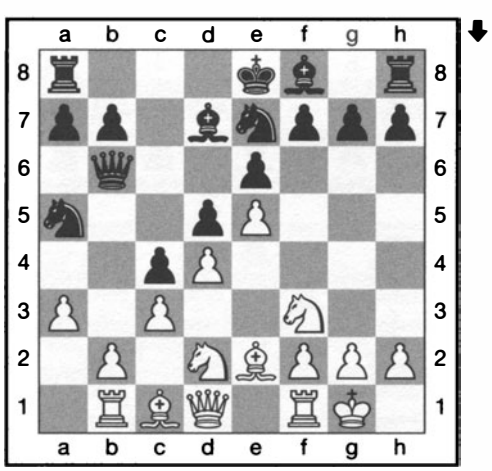
a31) 11...0–0–0 12. ♕c2 ♔b8 13. ♗d1 ♖c8 14. ♘f1 ♘b3 15. ♗f4± Sveshnikov – Casper, Moscow 1987;

a32) 11...♕c7 12. ♗f1 ♘c8 13. ♖e3 ♘b6 14. ♘e1 0–0–0 15. f4 g6 16. ♖h3 ♗e7 17. ♘df3 ♗a4 18. ♕e2 h5 19. ♗e3 ♗b3 20. ♗f2± Kharlov – Ilyushin, Tula 2002;

a33) 11...g5 12. ♘f1 ♘g6 13. ♗e3 ♗e7 14. ♘3d2 0–0–0 15. ♘g3 ♔b8 16. ♘h5 ♖df8 17. ♕c2 ♘h4 18. ♗d1± Sherwin – Evans, New York 1954;

a34) 11...♘c8 12. ♘f1 ♕b3 13. ♕×b3 ♘×b3 14. ♗f4 ♗a4 15. ♘g3 b5 16. ♘h5 ♘b6 17. g4! ♘a5 18. ♖ec1 ♘b3 19. ♖f1! ♘a5 20. ♘e1 ♘c6 21. ♗e3 0–0–0 22. f4± Sveshnikov – Lutz, Berlin 1989;

b) 10. ♖b1 (I. Zaitsev)



b1) 10...♘b3 11. ♗×c4!±;

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b3) 10...♗b5!? 11. ♘e1 ♘b3 12. ♘×b3 ♗a4 13. ♗f4 ♗×b3 14. ♕d2 ♘c6 15. g3 (15. g4!? ♗e7 16. ♗g3 0–0–0 17. ♘g2±) 15...♘a5 16. ♘g2 ♗a4 17. ♗h5± Sveshnikov – Ivkov, Sochi 1983;

b4) 10...♕c7 11. ♘g5 (11. ♖e1 ♘c8 12. ♘f1 ♘b6 13. ♗f4 (13. ♗g5! h6 14. ♗h4 ♗a4 15. ♕c1 ♔d7 16. ♕e3! ♗c2 17. ♖bc1 ♗h7 18. ♘3d1! ♖e8 19. ♗d1=, Predojević – Wang Hao, Istanbul 2005) 13...♘b3 14. ♘3d2 ♘a5 15. ♘g3 ♗a4 16. ♕c1 0–0–0∞, Ni Hua – Bareev, Beijing 2003) 11...h6 12. ♘h3 0–0–0 13. ♘f4 ♔b8 14. ♘h5 ♔a8 15. g4 ♘c8 16. f4 ♘b6 17. ♕e1±, I. Zaitsev – Vasyukov, 37th USSR Championship, Moscow 1969;

b5) 10...♖c8 11. g3 h6 12. ♘h4 ♗b5 13. ♖a1 ♘b3 14. ♘×b3 ♗a4 15. ♗e3 ♕×b3! 16. ♕d2 ♖c6! (16...♕c2? 17. ♗d1+–) 17. ♗d1 ♕b5 18. ♗g4± Sveshnikov – Gofshtein, Rostov on Don 1976;

b6) 10...h6 11. ♖e1 (11. ♕c2 ♕c7 12. b3 c×b3 13. ♘×b3 ♗a4 14. ♘fd2 ♘ec6 15. ♕b2⇄ Tal – Petrosian, Tbilisi 1956) 11...♗c6 12. ♘f1 ♕b3 13. ♗f4 ♗a4 14. ♕c1 ♕b6 15. ♘3d2 ♘g6 16. ♗e3 ♘h4 17. f4 h5 18. ♗f2 ♘f5⇄ Sveshnikov – Eingorn, 52nd USSR Championship, Riga 1985;

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302 **11. ♕c2!?** 0–0–0 (11...♘b3 12. ♘×b3 ♗a4 13. ♘fd2 ♗×b3 14. ♘×b3 c×b3 15. ♕d3 ♖c8 16. ♕f3±) 12. b3 c×b3 13. ♘×b3 ♗a4 14. ♘fd2 ♘ec6 15. ♕a2± I. Zaitsev – Naumkin, Moscow 1995; **11. ♖e1!?**.

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304 12. b4 c×b3 13. c4 ♗a4 14. ♗b2⇄.

305 12...♔b8 13. ♗h5 g6 14. ♗e2 ♕c7 15. ♘g2 ♗c6 16. h4 ♕d7 17. h5 ♗a4 18. ♕e1 ♗c2 19. ♖a1 ♗g7 20. ♘e3 ♗a4∞ Timman – Liberzon, Venice 1974.

306 15. b3! c×b3 16. ♘×b3 f5 (16...♘×b3 17. ♖×b3 ♕c7 18. ♗×d7+ ♕×d7 19. ♕h5±) 17. ♗h3!± I. Zaitsev – Faragó, Szolnok 1975.

Notes

Chapter 3

A summary of the 3. e5 system

It is time to draw some conclusions. Briefly they are as follows:

1. e4 e6?

An error – 1...c5! is better, or failing that 1...e5!? although in the latter case Black has serious problems with the defence of the e5 pawn after 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. ♗b5!.

2. d4 d5

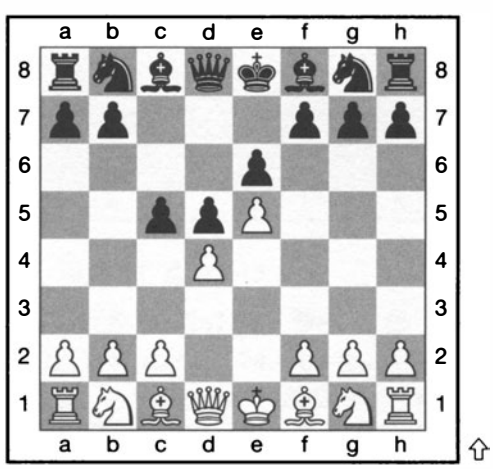
Otherwise White has a strong pawn pair in the centre and a winning position.

3. e5!?

Objectively 3. ♘c3! is stronger, after which Black has a bad position. But White also has a big advantage after 3. e5!?, greater than he has after 1. e4! in the initial position.

3...c5!

The correct move, beginning immediate counterplay against White's pawn centre. The alternative plan to exchange the light-squared bishops with 3...b6 4. c3 or 3...♘e7 4. ♘f3 b6 5. c3 ♕d7 6. a4 does not offer Black any prospect of equality.



4. c3

The gambits introduced by Nimzowitsch bring White no advantage. In fact 4. ♕g4?! is not even sufficient for equality (see the annotations to the game Sveshnikov – Komarov, Vrnjačka Banja 1999 (Volume 1, game 28 on page 57). The line 4. ♘f3?! c×d4! 5. ♗d3 is somewhat better. However, I advise all players below the level of candidate master to include these gambits in their repertoire and learn how to handle them by studying the games of Nimzowitsch and Keres. Mastering the methods of gambit play is an important stage in the development of a chessplayer.
The move 4. d×c5?! – suggested by Louis Paulsen – was later tried a few times by Steinitz but gives Black easy equality. He has several playable plans, such as that demonstrated by Emanuel Lasker in his game against Tarrasch (St. Petersburg 1914; Volume 1, game 7 on page 18). Also playable is 4...♗×c5 5. ♗d3 ♘c6 6. ♘f3 ♘ge7 with equal chances.

4...♘c6!

The best move, obeying all the principles of the opening. Furthermore it is consistent with Black's plan of counterattack against the d4 pawn. Transferring the other knight to c6 does not equalise, since it loses time and weakens the kingside. The plan with 4...♗d7 and 5...a6 is also too slow.

5. ♘f3

White has nothing better than this move, since after 5. ♗e3?! c×d4 6. c×d4 Black can turn his fire on the e5 pawn with 6...♘h6, 7...♘f5 and 8...f6!?. The move 5. f4 is not in harmony with the spirit of this opening, since it incarcerates the c1 bishop, weakens the light squares and simply wastes time.

5...♕b6!

We know from the annotated games and the Encyclopaedia that the variations 5...♘h6?! 6. d×c5! and 5...♘ge7 6. ♘a3! are not sufficient for equality.

An interesting possibility for Black is the move 5...♗d7!? recommended by Botvinnik, which we call the "flexible defence". However, this line also offers White a greater choice than he has after the more active 5...♕b6, since he has the additional possibility 6. ♗e3!?. After the insertion of the move ...♗d7, the immediate development of the bishop at e3 is more favourable than on the 5th move, since after an exchange on f5 (♗d3×♘f5) White will gain a tempo, because Black will have to move the bishop again (to e6) to defend the d5 pawn (in reply to ♘c3). If instead Black sends the knight to g4 via h6 and then exchanges on e3, he is liable to come under attack on the kingside. Alternatively White can withdraw the bishop from e3, leaving the g4 knight out on a limb in the danger zone.

The strongest reply to 5...♗d7 is definitely 6. ♗e2! after which a counter-attack directed at d4 comes too late and Black must switch to attacking the e5 pawn with 6...f6!?. But experience has shown that he does not equalise in this case. The plan used several times by Korchnoi comes into consideration: 5...♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘ge7 7. 0–0 ♘g6!?.

6. a3!

An attentive reading of this book will have persuaded you that 6. ♗e2?! brings no advantage after 6...c×d4! 7. c×d4 ♘h6!, the move order used against me by Portisch near the end of the 1993 Biel Interzonal 1993 (game 51 on page 43). Portisch is well known for his expertise in the openings; his games constitute a whole openings manual in themselves! Now 8. ♗×h6?! ♕×b2! is bad, since White does not get enough compensation for the pawn. But if Black plays 6...♘h6?! instead of 6...c×d4! then the variation 7. ♗×h6! g×h6 (7...♕×b2? loses to 8. ♗e3!) 8. ♕d2 ♗g7 9. ♘a3 is better for White.

The move 6. ♗d3?! is inadequate because of 6...c×d4! 7. c×d4 ♗d7 8. ♘c3 ♘×d4 9. ♘×d4 ♕×d4, and White has serious worries about equalising.

6...♘h6!?

Only at this point does Black have a choice of reasonable continuations.

a) 6...c4!? closing the position. Now after 7. ♘bd2! Black cannot ignore the threat of 8. b3 since if 7...♗d7?! White can gain the advantage by 8.b3! c×b3 9. ♘×b3 ♘a5 10. ♘×a5 ♕×a5 11. ♗d2 ♕a4 12. ♕b1 as shown in the game Sveshnikov – Timman, Tilburg 1992 (Volume 1, game 29 on page 60). But even after the better move 7...♘a5 White still has an advantage, as both theory and practice testify.

b) 6...♗d7 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♖c8 9. ♗b2 ♘a5 10. ♘bd2 ♘c4, and here too theory promises White the better game by 11. ♘×c4 d×c4 12. ♖c1 a5 13. ♘d2!.

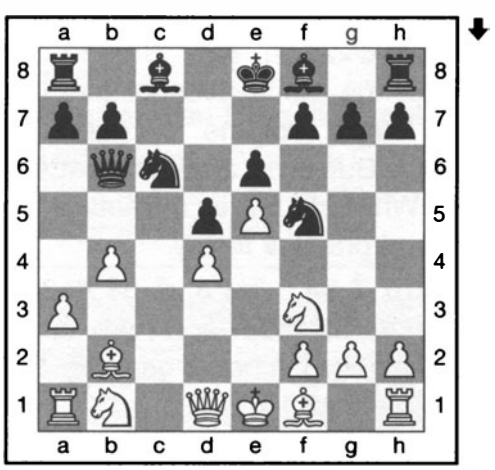
c) 6...a5. White now has three playable continuations – 7. ♗d3!?, 7. ♗e2 and 7. b3!?.

The move 7. ♗d3!? entails a pawn sacrifice: 7...c×d4 8. c×d4 ♗d7 9. ♘c3 ♘×d4 10. ♘×d4 ♕×d4. For White to gain any advantage, improvements need to be found for him in the games I. Zaitsev – Lempert, Moscow 1994 (game 26 on page 26) and Shirov – Anand, Teheran 2000 (Volume 1, game 22

on page 44). If no white advantage can be found in that line, White can play 7. ♗e2 instead, since now the plan for Black shown in the game Sveshnikov – Portisch (game 51 on page 43) does not work (there is no check on a5 available, the b5 square is weakened, and White does not lose castling rights). On the other hand Black can develop an initiative on the queenside with 7...a4. Finally White can play 7. b3!? as in the game Sveshnikov – Volkov, Togliatti 2003 (Volume 1, page 55) and this should be sufficient for some advantage.

7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2!

The alternative 9. ♗e3?! brings White no advantage in view of 9...f6! 10. e×f6 (10. b5 leads to a draw after 10. ♘×e5, as in Romanishin – Lputian, Yerevan 1988 (Volume 1, page 77); if 10. ♗d3?! Black even gains the advantage; see Potkin – Filippov, Togliatti 2003; Volume 1, game 40 on page 77) 10...g×f6 with chances for both sides (Morozevich – Bareev, Monte Carlo 2002, game 42 on page 36).



Now Black is again presented with a choice. The main options are 9...♗d7 and 9...♗e7. Instead 9...a5 10. b5 gives White the advantage, as in Sveshnikov – Bareev, Moscow 1995 (Note 247 on page 100 and game [1] on page 116). Incidentally, 9...a5 was Korchnoi's choice in a rapid game against Erenburg (See Volume 1, Test position 65 on page 145; Solution on page 155).

These six positions (the four black options at move six and the two at move nine) are the main bastions of Black's defence against 3. e5. They also represent the directions in which I expect the theory to develop in the coming years.

A.

9...♗d7 10. g4

Black has fewer problems after 10. ♗e2 ♗e7 11. 0–0 0–0 with chances for both sides, Sveshnikov – Bareev, Moscow 1990 (game [2] on page 116).

10...♘fe7

Black fails to solve his problems with 10...♘h6 11. ♖g1! f6 12. e×f6 g×f6 13. ♘c3 ♘f7 14. ♘a4 ♕c7 15. ♖c1 ♕f4 (15...♕d6?! is weaker, see Sveshnikov – Dvoiris, Cheliabinsk 2004 (game 59 on page 52) 16. ♘c5 and White had the better chances in the game Short – Lputian, Batumi 1999 (Volume 1, game 52 on page 103), which is the most important game played with this variation. However, on this theme I also recommend detailed study of the games Vasyukov – Bukhman, St. Petersburg 1994 (Volume 1, page 104), Savić – Lputian, Neum 2002 (game [3] on page 117), Lautier – Bauer, French Championship, Val d'Isère 2002 (page 50) and Vallejo Pons – Hillarp Persson, Benidorm 2003 (game [4] on page 117).

11. ♘c3 ♘a5

The earliest known game with this variation is Rellstab – Unzicker, West German Championship, Bad Pyrmont 1950 (game [5] on page 117). Other important games include: Shirov – Kramnik, Monte Carlo 1997 (Volume 1, game 48 on page 95) and Nevednichy – Lputian, Ohrid 2001 (game [6] on page 118).

12. ♕c2!?

An unclear position results from 12. ♘d2 ♖c8 13. ♖c1.

12...♘c4 13. ♘×c4 d×c4 14. ♘d2 ♘d5 15. ♘×c4 ♕c6 16. ♘e4 ♘b6 17. ♘cd6+ ♗×d6 18. ♘×d6+ ♔e7 19. ♕×c6 ♗×c6 20. ♖g1, and Black had to struggle for a draw (Sveshnikov – Potkin, Russian Championship, Krasnoyarsk 2003; Volume 1, page 95). You should also study the games Alekseev – S. Ivanov, Tomsk 2001 (game [7] on page 118) and Sveshnikov – Radjabov, Tallinn 2004 (game 61 on page 53).

B.

9...♗e7 10. ♗d3

Another interesting idea here is 10. h4!? with the plan of capturing later on f5 (♗×♘) and then exchanging the dark-squared bishops; this plan was used in a game of Mark Tseitlin's. With the help of this move I was able to defeat Bareev in the 1996 Russian Championship (Volume 1, game 34 on page 65) and Doroshkevich in St. Petersburg 2000 (Volume 1, page 65). See also the games Grischuk – Lputian, 35th Olympiad, Bled 2002 (Volume 1, game 51 on page 101) and Vysochin – Polivanov, St. Petersburg 2002 (Volume 1, page 102).

10...h5 (10...♗d7 is weaker: 11. g4 ♘h6 12. ♖g1 with advantage for White) 11. ♗d3 a5 12. ♗×f5 e×f5 13. ♘c3 ♗e6 14. b5 a4 15. ♕d3 ♘a7 16. 0–0 ♖c8 17. ♗c1 ♖c4 18. ♘e2!? ♕×b5 19. ♗g5 ⩲.

10...a5!?

Or 10...♗d7 11. 0–0 ♖c8 12. ♘bd2 g5!? 13. ♘b3 h5 (13...g4 14. ♘fd2 h5 15. ♗×f5 e×f5 16. ♘c5 ♗e6 17. ♘db3±) 14. ♖c1 g4 15. ♘e1 a5 16. ♗×f5 e×f5 17. ♘d3±, Khalifman – Dolmatov, Rethymnon 2003 (game 20 on page 22).

11. ♕a4!

This move restrains Black's queenside initiative, allowing White to complete his development and then start active operations on the kingside.

11...0–0 12. b5 ♗d7

The order of moves used in the game Kiik – Korchnoi, Rilton Cup, Stockholm 2003 (Volume 1, page 95) deserves attention: 12...♘h4!? 13. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 14. g3?! (14. 0–0± is better).

13. 0–0 ♘a7 14. ♘c3 ♘h4 15. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 16. ♕d1 f5 17. ♘a4 ♕d8.

In the game Motylev – Alavkin, Sochi 2004 (Game [8] on page 118) White also gained an advantage with 18. ♕b3.

18. ♕e2±

Finally I should like to stress that if you want to keep up to date with developments in a particular opening variation, do not confine your interest to the games of players with a high ELO rating: look at the games of players who specialise in that variation, since they are always on the lookout for new ideas.

Chapter 4

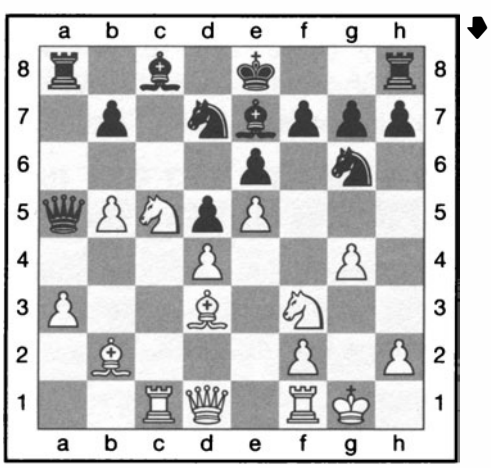
Games for further study

In his final chapter of this Advanced Course the author picked out the following eight games as being especially significant. The Publisher has therefore agreed to include these in an extra chapter for further study. Diagrams have been placed at significant points, suggested by Sveshnikov's comments in Chapter 3.

Game [1]

Sveshnikov – Bareev
Moscow (Rapidplay) 1995

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 a5 10. b5 a4 11. g4 ♘fe7 12. ♘c3 ♘b8 13. ♗d3 ♘d7 14. 0–0 ♘g6 15. ♖c1 ♗e7 16. ♘×a4 ♕a5 17. ♘c5

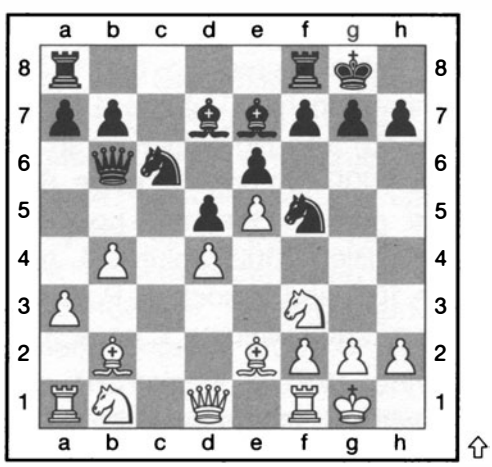


17...0–0 18. ♗×g6 h×g6 19. ♕d3 ♕b6 20. a4 ♗×c5 21. d×c5 ♘×c5 22. ♕e3 ♘×a4 23. ♗d4 ♕d8 24. ♖a1 ♗d7 25. ♖fb1 ♕e7 26. h4 b6 27. ♗×b6 ♘×b6 28. ♕×b6 ♖×a1 29. ♖×a1 ♕b4 30. ♕d4 ♕×b5 31. ♖a7 ♖c8 32. ♕f4 ♗e8 33. ♔g2 ♕b6 34. ♖e7 ♔f8 35. ♖×e8+ ♔×e8 36. h5 ♖c4 37. ♕g5 ♕d8 38. ♕×d8+ ♔×d8 39. ♔g3 g×h5 40. g×h5 ♔e7 41. ♘g5 ♖c1 42. f4 ♖f1 43. ♘f3 ♖×f3+ 44. ♔×f3 f5 45. ♔g3 ♔d7 46. ♔h4 d4 47. ♔g5 ♔e7 48. ♔g6 ♔f8 0–1

Game [2]

Sveshnikov – Bareev
Moscow 1990

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. ♗e2 ♗e7 11. 0–0 0–0



12. ♕d2 [12. ♗d3!?] 12...f6 13. g4 ♘h6 14. e×f6 ♖×f6 15. g5 ♖×f3 [15...♖g6] 16. ♗×f3 ♘f5 17. ♖d1 ♕d8 [17...♖f8!? ∞] 18. ♗g4 ♗×g5 19. ♕d3 ♗f4 20. ♗×f5 e×f5 21. ♘d2 ♕g5+ 22. ♔h1 ♕h4 23. ♘f3 ♕×f2 24. ♗c1 ♗×c1 25. ♖a×c1 f4 26. ♖c2 ♕e3 27. ♕×e3 f×e3 28. ♔g2 ♗g4 29. ♖e2 ♖e8 30. ♖d3 ♖e4 31. ♖e×e3 h6 32. b5 ♗×f3+ 33. ♔f2!!± ♘a5 34. ♔×f3 ♖h4 35. ♔g3 ♖h5 36. ♖e5 ♖×e5 37. d×e5 ♔f7 38. ♖×d5 ♔e6 39. ♖c5 ♔f5 40. h4 g6 41. a4 b6 42. ♖c7 ♔×e5 43. ♖×a7 ♘c4 44. ♖g7 g5 45. h5+– ♘d6 46. ♖g6 ♘e4+ 47. ♔f3 ♘c5 48. ♖×b6 ♘×a4 49. ♖×h6 1–0

Game [3]

Savić – Lputian

Neum 2002

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. g4

10...♘h6 11. ♖g1 f6 12. e×f6 g×f6 13. ♘c3 ♘f7 14. ♘a4 ♕c7 15. ♖c1 ♕f4 16. ♖c3 ♘g5 17. b5 ♘a5 18. ♘×g5 f×g5 19. ♗c1 ♕×h2 20. ♖gg3 ♗d6 21. ♖h3 ♕g1 22. ♕e2 0–0 23. ♗e3 ♘c4 24. ♖×c4 ♗×b5 25. f3 ♗×c4 26. ♗×g1 ♗×e2 27. ♗×e2 ♗×a3 28. ♗e3 e5 29. d×e5 ♖ae8 30. ♗c5 ♗×c5 ½–½

Game [4]

Vallejo Pons – Hillarp Persson

Benidorm 2003

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♘c6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. g4 ♘h6 11. ♖g1 f6 12. e×f6 g×f6 13. ♘c3 ♘f7 14. ♘a4

14...♕d8 15. ♘c5 ♗c8 16. ♖c1 ♘d6 17. ♗d3 ♕e7 18. g5 f5 19. ♘e5 ♘×e5 20. d×e5 ♘e4 21. ♕h5+ ♔d8 22. ♘b3 ♖g8 23. h4 ♗d7 24. ♗d4 b6 25. ♔e2 ♗e8 26. ♕f3 h6 27. g×h6 ♖×g1 28. ♖×g1 ♗×h6 29. ♗e3 ♗×e3 30. ♔×e3 ♕×h4 31. ♘d4 ♗f7 32. ♖h1 ♕g5+ 33. ♕f4 ♕g7 34. f3 ♖c8 35. f×e4 d×e4 36. ♕h4+ ♔c7 37. ♖c1+ ♔b8 38. ♖×c8+ ♔×c8 39. ♗a6+ ♔d7 40. ♗b5+ ♔c8 41. ♗a6+ ♔d7 42. ♗b5+ ♔c8 43. ♗a6+ ♔d7 44. ♕h2 ♕g5+ 45. ♕f4 ♕g1+ 46. ♕f2 f4+ 0–1

Game [5]

Rellstab – Unzicker

West German Championship, Bad Pyrmont 1950

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c×d4 7. c×d4 ♘ge7 8. b4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. g4 ♘fe7 11. ♘c3

11...♘g6 12. h4 h5 13. g5 ♖c8 14. ♘a4 ♕d8 15. ♘c5 ♗×c5 16. d×c5 ♕c7 17. ♕e2 0–0 18. ♕e3 d4 19. ♘×d4 ♘c×e5 20. ♗e2 ♘f4 21. 0–0–0 ♘×e2+ 22. ♕×e2 ♘g6 23. ♔b1 b6 24. c×b6 ♕×b6 25. ♖d2 a5 26. b×a5 ♕×a5 27. ♘b3 ♕a4 28. ♕e3 e5 29. ♔a1 ♗c6 30. ♘c5 ♕c4 31. ♖c1 ♕×h4 32. ♗×e5 ♘×e5 33. ♕×e5 ♖a8 34. ♖d3 ♖fe8 35. ♕d6 ♕b4 36. ♘b7 ♕b5 37. g6 f×g6 38. ♘c5 ♖eb8 39. ♖d2 ♖×a3+ 0–1

Game [6]

Nevednichy – Lputian

Ohrid 2001

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. g4 ♘fe7 11. ♘c3 ♘g6 12. ♘a4

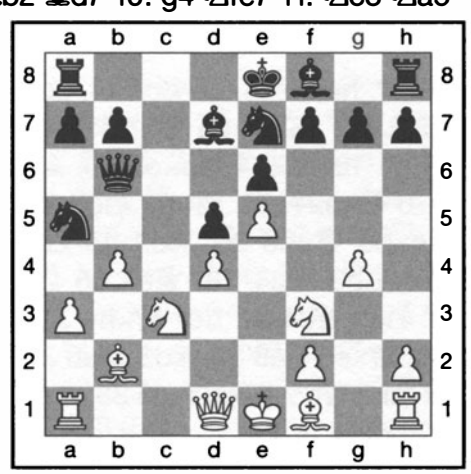
12...♕d8 13. h4 h5 14. g5 b6 15. ♗d3 ♘f4 16. ♗a6 ♘e7 17. ♘c3 ♘f5 18. ♘e2 ♘g2+ 19. ♔d2 b5 20. ♕g1 g6 21. ♕×g2 ♕b6 22. ♘g3 ♘e7 23. ♘e1 ♕×a6 24. ♘d3 ♘c8 25. ♘c5 ♕c6 26. ♖hc1 ♘b6 27. ♔e1 ♘c4 28. ♗c3 ♗e7 29. ♘f1 0–0 30. ♘d2 ♗×c5 31. d×c5 ♘×d2 32. ♗×d2 d4 33. ♕×c6 ♗×c6 34. ♔e2 ♖fd8 35. ♔d3 ♔f8 36. f4 ♖d7 ½–½

game [7]

Alekseev – S. Ivanov

Tomsk 2001

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♘c6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. g4 ♘fe7 11. ♘c3 ♘a5



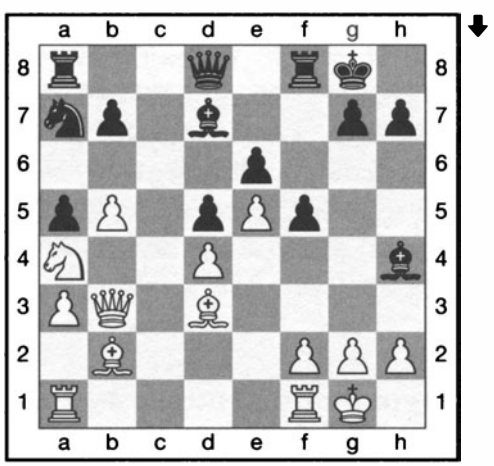
12. ♕c2 ♘c4 13. ♗×c4 d×c4 14. ♘d2 ♘d5 15. ♘×c4 ♕c6 16. ♘e4 ♘b6 17. ♘cd6+ ♗×d6 18. ♘×d6+ ♔e7 19. ♕×c6 ♗×c6 20. ♖g1 ♘c8 21. b5 ♗d5 22. ♖c1 ♘×d6 23. ♖c7+ ♔d8 24. e×d6 ♖c8 25. ♖×c8+ ♔×c8 26. ♗c3 ♔d7 27. ♗b4 ♖c8 28. ♔d2 ½–½

Game [8]

Motylev – Alavkin

Sochi 2004

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗e7 10. ♗d3 a5 11. ♕a4 ♗d7 12. b5 0–0 13. 0–0 ♘a7 14. ♘c3 ♘h4 15. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 16. ♕d1 f5 17. ♘a4 ♕d8 18. ♕b3



18...b6 19. ♘c3 ♗e8 20. a4 ♗e7 21. ♘e2 ♗f7 22. h3 ♗b4 23. ♗a3 ♗×a3 24. ♕×a3 ♖c8 25. ♖ac1 ♕d7 26. g4 f×g4 27. h×g4 ♖×c1 28. ♖×c1 ♖c8 29. ♔g2 ♖×c1 30. ♕×c1 ♘c8 31. ♕c2 g6 32. ♕c1 ♔g7 33. ♘g3 ♘e7 34. ♕g5 ♘g8 35. ♘h5+ ♔h8 36. ♘f6 ♕e7 37. ♕h4 h6 38. g5 ♔g7 39. g×h6+ ♘×h6 40. ♘h5+ ♔f8 41. ♕f4 g×h5 42. ♕×h6+ ♔e8 43. ♗g6 ♕h4 44. ♗×f7+ ♔×f7 45. f3 ♕×d4 46. ♕×h5+ ♔e7 47. ♕h7+ ♔d8 48. ♕g8+ ♔e7 49. ♕g7+ ♔e8 50. ♕g6+ ♔e7 51. ♕f6+ ♔d7 52. ♕f7+ ♔d8 53. ♕×e6 ♕d2+ 54. ♔h3 ♕d4 55. ♕g8+ ♔e7 56. ♕g7+ ♔e8 57. ♕h8+ ♔e7 58. ♕h4+ 1–0

Chapter 5

The latest theoretical developments

The publication date of the German edition of this book was in July 2006. Since the research for that edition was completed, literally thousands of games have been played in national and international tournaments – 6,500 alone in the 36th Chess Olympiad in Turin (20th May to 4th June 2006). Naturally the Advance Variation of the French Defence has been subjected to further tests. To reflect these developments, for the English edition of the book Evgeny Sveshnikov has specially selected what, in his opinion, are the twenty-four theoretically most important recent games for further study material.

Game 62

Sveshnikov – Yashtylov

Russian League, Cheliabinsk 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 f6!? 7. b4

7. ♗d3!? c4 (7...f×e5 8. ♘×e5±; 7...♗d7 8. b4 c×d4 9. c×d4±) 8. ♗c2 f×e5 (8...♗d7 9. ♘bd2 0–0–0 10. b3 c×b3 11. ♘×b3±) 9. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 10. d×e5 ♘e7 11. ♘d2 g6 12. ♘f3±.

7...f×e5

7...c4!?⇄; 7...c×d4 8. c×d4±.

8. b×c5

8. d×c5!? ♕c7 9. c4 ♘f6 10. ♘c3↑ (10. ♘c3 d4∞); 8. ♘×e5±.

8...♕a5!

8...♕c7?! 9. ♗b5±.

9. d×e5

9. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 10. d×e5 ♗×c5 11. ♕g4 g6 (11...♕c7?! 12. ♗b5+±) 12. ♗d3⇄ ♘e7 13. ♗g5 ♕c7 14. ♗f6 ♖f8 15. 0–0 ♘g8!? (15...♘c6) 16. ♗b5+ ♔f7 17. ♗h8 ♘h6 18. ♕f4+ (18. ♕h4 ♖×h8∓) 18...♔g8 19. ♗f6 ♘f5∓.

9...♗×c5 10. ♗d3 ♘h6?!

10...♘ge7 11. 0–0 (11. ♕c2 ♕c7∞) 11...0–0⇄.

11. ♗×h6 g×h6 12. 0–0±

12. ♕c1!? ♕c7 (12...♗f8!? 13. 0–0 ♗g7 14. ♖e1±) 13. ♕×h6 ♘×e5 14. ♗b5+ ♘c6 15. 0–0↑.

12...♕c7 13. ♕e2

13. ♘bd2!? ♘×e5 (13...0–0 14. ♘b3 ♗e7 15. ♖e1±) 14. ♘×e5 ♕×e5 15. ♘b3⩲ (15. ♖e1⩲).

13...♕g7 14. ♘bd2

14. ♔h1!? ♖g8 15. ♖g1±.

14...♗d7 15. ♘b3 ♗b6 16. ♖ae1

16. ♔h1; 16. c4.

16...♖g8 17. g3 ♕e7 18. ♘fd4 0–0–0

18...♕×a3 19. ♕h5+ ♔d8 20. ♕×h6↑.

19. ♕h5?!

19. a4!? ♘×d4 20. c×d4 ♗×a4 21. ♖c1+ ♔b8 22. ♘c5 ♗e8 23. ♖c3⩲.

19...♕×a3! 20. ♕×h6?

20. ♖a1 ♕f8 21. f4⩲.

20...♔b8?

20...♗×d4! 21. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 22. ♖a1 ♘f3+ 23. ♔g2 ♕f8 24. ♕h5 ♘d2−+.

21. ♖a1⇄ ½–½

Game 63

Sveshnikov – Alavkin
Russian League, Cheliabinsk 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3 c×d4 7. c×d4 ♗b5 8. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 9. ♘c3 ♕a6 10. b4!?

10. ♘e2 ♘e7 11. 0–0 ♘d7 12. ♘f4± (12. ♘g3±; 12. b4±).

10...♘d7

10...♗×b4?! 11. a×b4 ♕×a1 12. ♘b5±.

11. ♗d2 ♘e7 12. b5?

12. a4!? ♕b6 (12...♖c8 13. ♘b5 ♘c6 14. ♘d6+ ♗×d6 15. b5 ♕b6 16. b×c6 ♖×c6 17. e×d6+−; 12...♘f5 13. g4 ♘h6 14. ♘b5 ♖c8 15. ♖c1 ♖×c1 16. ♕×c1 ♕c6 17. ♕×c6 b×c6 18. ♘×a7+−) 13. a5 ♕d8 14. a6±, Belov – Lisy, Vladimir 2002.

12...♕b6 13. a4 a5! 14. b×a6

14. 0–0±.

14...b×a6 15. a5

15. 0–0 ♘c6 16. ♘e2 ♗e7 17. ♖b1 ♕c7 18. ♕c2 ♖c8 19. ♕d3 ♕a7 20. ♖b3 0–0 21. ♗g5↑.

15...♕c7! 16. 0–0 ♘c6 17. ♕a4 ♗e7 18. ♖fc1 ♖c8 19. ♘a2 0–0 20. ♘b4 ♗×b4

20...♘db8 21. ♘×c6 ♘×c6 22. ♖ab1± ♕d7 23. ♖b6 ♘×e5 24. ♕×d7 ♖×c1+ (24...♘×d7 25. ♖×c8 ♖×c8 26. ♖×a6±) 25. ♗×c1 ♘×d7 26. ♖×a6 (26. ♖b7 ♖d8 27. ♖a7 ♗f6 28. ♗f4 ♘b8 29. ♗c7 ♖f8 30. ♘e5±) 26...♘b8 27. ♖a8 ♘c6 28. ♖×f8+ ♔×f8 29. a6 ♔e8 30. ♘e5 ♘a7 31. ♗f4±.

21. ♗×b4 ♖fe8! 22. h3?!

a) 22. ♕c2 ♕b7 23. ♗c3±;

b) 22. ♖ab1! ♕b7 23. ♗d2 ♕a8 24. ♖b2 ♘db8 25. ♖bc2±;

c) 22. ♗d6 ♕×a5 23. ♕×a5 ♘×a5 24. ♖×c8 ♖×c8 25. ♔f1 ♘c4 26. ♖×a6=.

22...♕b7! 23. ♗c5 ♘×c5 24. ♖×c5 ♘a7= 25. ♖ac1 h6 26. g4?!

26. ♘e1 ♘b5 27. ♘d3±.

26...♘b5 27. ♕c2?!

27. g5∞; 27. ♕b4 ♖ed8 28. ♔g2 ♖×c5 29. ♕×c5±.

27...♘a3! 28. ♕c3?!

a) 28. ♖×c8 ♘×c2 29. ♖×e8+ ♔h7 30. ♖f8 (30. ♖f8⇄) 30...♕b2 31. ♖d1 ♕b7 (31...♕b3 32. ♖×f7 ♔g6 33. ♖f8⇄) 32. ♔g2=;

b) 28. ♕c3?! ♖×c5 29. d×c5 (29. ♕×c5? ♘c4∓) 29...♘c4 30. ♘d2 ♖c8 31. ♖b1 ♕a7 32. ♘×c4 ♕×c5 33. ♖b6 ♕×c4∓.

½–½

Game 64

Brunello – Luther
Verona 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3?! f6 7. ♗d3 ♘h6?

7...c4!⇄.

8. 0–0

⌓8. e×f6 ♕×f6 9. ♗g5 ♕f7 10. b4↑.

8...♘f7 9. ♖e1 f×e5 10. ♘×e5 ♘c×e5 11. d×e5 ♕c7 12. ♘d2 0–0–0

12...c4 13. ♗c2 ♗e7 14. ♘f3 0–0⇄.

13. ♘f3 ♗e7 14. b4! c4

14...g5!?.

15. ♗c2 g5 16. ♕e2 g4 17. ♘d4 ♖dg8 18. a4 h5 19. ♘f5!?

19. ♗f4 ♗g5 20. ♕e3 h4⇄.

19...♗d8

a) 19...e×f5 20. e6 ♗d6 (20...♗f6 21. ♗×f5 ♗×c3 22. e×d7+ ♔b8 23. ♗b2±) 21. ♗×f5 ♗×e6 22. ♗×e6+ ♔b8 23. ♗×d5 ♗×h2+ 24. ♔h1±;

b) 19...♗g5!? 20. ♗×g5 ♖×g5 21. ♘d6+ ♘×d6 22. e×d6 ♕×d6 23. ♕e3 ♖gg8 24. ♕×a7 h4 25. a5 g3 26. f×g3 h×g3 27. h3 ♔c7 28. ♕e3±.

20. a5

20. ♘d4 h4 21. ♗f4 ♕b8!? (21...♗g5?! 22. ♕×g4 h3 23. g3 ♘h6 24. ♕f3 ♖f8 25. ♘e2±) 22. a5 ♗c7 23. ♗a4 ♗×a4 24. ♖×a4 ♔d7⇄.

20...e×f5 21. e6 ♘d6

21...♗c6!?∞ 22. e×f7 ♕×f7 23. ♗f4♾.

22. e×d7+ ♕×d7 23. ♗a4.

23. ♗f4!? ♖e8 24. ♕d2 ♘e4 25. ♕d4±.

23...♕f7 24. ♗f4 ♘e4 25. ♕e3 ♗c7

25...b6 26. ♗c6±.

26. ♗×c7 ♕×c7 27. ♕×a7± ♘×c3.

27...♖g6 28. ♗c2±.

28. a6 b5□

28...b6 29. ♕a8+ ♕b8 30. ♕c6+ ♕c7 31. ♖e7 ♕×c6 32. ♗×c6+–.

29. ♕d4 ♘×a4 30. a7+– 1–0.

Game 65

Shirov – Del Rio Angelis

Gibraltar Masters, Caleta 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2!

6. ♗e3!?.

6...♘ge7 7. ♘a3.

a) 7. 0–0 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♕b6 9. ♘c3 ♘f5 10. ♘a4±;

b) 7. d×c5 ♘g6 8. ♗e3 ♘g×e5 9. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 10. f4 ♘c6 11. ♘d2 ♗e7⇄.

7...c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♕b6

9...♘b4 10. 0–0 ♘×c2 11. ♕×c2 ♕b6 12. ♕d3±.

10. 0–0 ♘a5!? .

10...♖c8!?⇄.

11. g4

11. b3!? ♗b5 12. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 13. ♘e3 ♘×e3 14. f×e3 ♗e7 15. ♗d2±.

11...♘e7 12. ♘fe1

12. b3 ♗b5 13. ♗a3 ♘g6 14. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 15. ♗×f8 ♖×f8 16. ♕d2 ♘c6 17. ♖fe1 (17. ♖ac1 f6⇄) 17...f6 (17...♖c8 18. ♖ac1±) 18. e×f6 ♖×f6 19. ♘g5 ♘f8 20. ♖e3 h6 21. ♘f3±.

12...h5

12...♗b5 13. ♘d3 h5 14. b4 ♘ac6 15. a4 ♗c4 16. a5 ♕c7⇄.

13. g×h5.

13. g5 ♗b5 14. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 15. b3⇄.

13...♗b5 14. ♗×b5+

14. ♘g2 ♗×e2 15. ♕×e2 ♖c8↑.

14...♕×b5 15. ♘e3.

15. b4 ♘c4 16. a4 ♕b6 (16...♕d7 17. ♘e3 ♖c8 18. ♘d3±) 17. ♘d3 ♘f5 18. a5 (18. ♗g5∞) 18...♕b5 19. ♗g5⇄.

15...♘ac6 16. b3

16. ♘1c2!?

a) 16...g6 17. ♘g4 (17. b4 ♖×h5 18. a4 ♕b6⇄) 17...0–0–0∞;

b) 16...♖c8 17. a4 ♕b6 18. b4!? ♘×b4 19. a5! ♕b5 20. ♘×b4 ♕×b4 21. ♗a3 ♕b5 22. ♕g4 ♖c3 (22...g6!?∞) 23. ♖fb1 ♖b3 24. ♕d1 ♖×b1 25. ♖×b1 ♕×a5 26. ♗×e7 ♗×e7 27. ♖×b7↑.

16...g6!? 17. ♘g4

17. h×g6 ♘×g6 18. ♘g4 ♗e7♾.

17...0–0–0 18. h6.

18. h×g6 ♘×g6 19. ♗g5 ♗e7 20. ♗×e7 ♘g×e7♾.

18...♘f5 19. ♗g5 ♖d7=

19...♗e7 20. ♗×e7 ♘c×e7 21. ♖c1+ ♔b8 22. ♘f3 ♘×h6 23. ♖c5 ♕b4 24. ♘×h6 ♖×h6 25. ♕d3⇄.

20. ♘f6 ♖c7 21. ♘e8 ♖d7 22. ♘f6 ♖c7 23. ♘e8 ½–½

Game 66

Volkov – Vaganian
Aeroflot Open, Moscow 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 b6?! 4. ♘f3 ♕d7 5. c4

5. a4 ♗a6 6. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 7. 0–0±.

5...♘e7.

5...d×c4 6. ♗×c4 ♗a6 7. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 8. ♘c3 ♘b4⇄.

6. ♘c3 ♗b7 7. ♗e3 h6

7...♘bc6 8. ♖c1 d×c4 9. ♗×c4 ♘b4⇄ (9...a6!?).

8. ♖c1 ♘bc6 9. a3 d×c4 10. ♗×c4 ♘f5 11. ♕e2.

11. 0–0.

11...♘×e3 12. f×e3± ♘a5 13. ♗b5 c6 14. ♗a4 b5 15. ♗c2 ♘c4 16. ♗d3± ♗e7

16...♘b6? 17. ♘×b5+–; 16...♖d8 17. 0–0 c5 18. ♘×b5+–.

17. 0–0 .

⌓17. ♗×c4 b×c4 18. ♕×c4 0–0 19. ♘e4+–.

17...0–0 18. ♘e4 a5 19. ♖f2

19. ♗×c4 b×c4 20. ♘fd2 (20. ♘ed2 c5 21. ♘×c4±) 20...c5 21. ♘f6+ ♗×f6 22. e×f6 c×d4 23. ♘×c4 d×e3 24. ♕g4 (24. ♘b6 ♕d2 25. ♕g4 g6 26. ♘×a8 ♖×a8 ∞) 24...g5 (24...g6 25. ♘e5+–) 25. ♘×e3 (25. ♘b6 ♕d2 26. ♘×a8 ♖×a8 27. h4 ♔h7!⇄ or 27...♖d8 28. h×g5 h5 29. ♕g3+–) 25...♕d3 26. ♖c3 ♕g6 27. ♘c4±.

19...♗a6□ 20. h3

20. ♗b1 ♖fc8 21. ♕d3 g6 22. b4↑.

20...a4 21. ♘h2 f5.

21...c5!? 22. ♗×c4 b×c4 23. ♘f6+ ♗×f6 24. e×f6 c×d4 25. f×g7 ♔×g7 26. ♕g4+ ♔h7 27. ♖f6 ♕d5 28. ♖cf1 ♕g5 29. ♕×d4 c3 30. h4 ♕g7 31. ♕e4+ ♔h8 32. ♖×f7+–.

22. e×f6 ♗×f6 23. ♘×f6+ ♖×f6 24. ♖×f6 g×f6 25. ♘g4!

25. ♕g4+ ♔h8 26. ♗×c4 b×c4 27. ♕h4 ♕g7 28. ♘g4 ♕g5 29. ♕×h6+ ♕×h6 30. ♘×h6 c5 31. d×c5 ♔g7 32. ♘g4 ♖c8 33. ♘f2 ♖×c5 34. ♘e4 ♖e5 35. ♘c3 ♖×e3 36. ♔f2 ♖d3 37. ♖c2±.

25...♔g7 26. ♘×f6!?

26. ♕f3+–.

26...♔×f6 27. ♖f1+ ♔e7 28. ♕h5+– ♕d5 29. ♖f7+ ♔d6 30. ♕×h6 ♖e8 31. ♕f4+

31. ♕g7+–.

31...e5 32. ♕h6+ ♕e6□ .

32...♖e6 33. ♕f8+ ♖e7 34. ♕×e7#.

33. ♖f6 e×d4 34. e×d4 ♗c8 35. ♗f5 ♘×b2 36. ♗×e6 ♗×e6 37. ♖f8 1–0

Game 67

Shabalov – S. Ivanov
Aeroflot Open, Moscow 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♘c6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗e7

9...♗d7.

10. h4.

10. ♗d3!?.

10...a5 11. b5 a4!?

11...h5.

12. g4 ♘h6 13. ♖g1.

13. ♗c1 ♘a5 14. ♗×h6 ♘b3 15. ♗×g7 ♖g8 16. ♖a2 ♖×g7 17. g5 ♕a5+ 18. ♘bd2 ♗d7⇄;

13. ♘c3 Sandipan – Dolmatov, Moscow 2002.

13...♘a5.

13...♘d8 14. ♘c3 ♕a5 15. ♗d3±.

14. ♕×a4 ♗d7 15. ♘bd2N

15. ♗c1!? 0–0± (15...♘g8±);

15. ♘c3 Lavrov – Sambuev, Russian Cup, Tomsk 2003 and Yemelin – Dolmatov, Russian Championship, Krasnoyarsk 2003 (Volume 1, game 125 on page 102);

15. ♗d3 Leuw – Witt, Büssum Open 2004.

15...0–0 16. ♖c1 ♘c4?! .

16...♔h8.

17. ♘×c4 d×c4 18. ♕×c4 ♗×a3

18...♖fc8 19. ♕b3 ♖×c1+ 20. ♗×c1 ♕a5+ 21. ♔d1 !? (21. ♗d2 ♕×a3 22. ♕×a3 ♖×a3 23. ♗×h6 g×h6 24. ♗e2 ♗×b5 25. ♗×b5 ♖×f3 26. ♔e2 ♖b3 27. ♗d3 ♗×h4⇄) 21...♗×a3 22. ♗d2 ♕b6 23. ♗d3 ♗c6 24. ♘g5 ♗e7 25. ♔e2±.

19. ♗×a3 ♖×a3 20. ♘d2

20. ♕c7 ♕a7! (20...♕×c7 21. ♖×c7 ♖d8 22. ♗e2 ♗×b5 23. ♗×b5 ♖×f3 24. ♖×b7 ♖f4 25. ♗e2 ♖f×d4 26. f3=) 21. ♕×d7 (21. ♖g3) 21...♖×f3 22. ♖c8 (22. ♗e2 ♖f4⇄) 22...g6 23. ♔e2 ♖b3∞.

20...g6

20...♕a5 21. ♗d3 ♖a2 22. ♕c3 ♕×c3 23. ♖×c3 ♗×b5 24. ♔e2 ♗×d3+ 25. ♔×d3±.

21. ♕b4.

21. ♖b1 ♖fa8 22. ♕c5 ♕a5∞.

21...♖fa8 22. ♘e4

22. ♕d6!? ♕×d6 23. e×d6 ♖a1 24. ♔d1

a) 24...♖×c1+ 25. ♔×c1±;

b) 24...f5?! 25. ♘b3 ♖×c1+ 26. ♔×c1 f×g4 27. ♘c5?! (27. ♔b2) 27...♗×b5 28. ♗×b5 ♖a1+ 29. ♔d2 ♖×g1 30. d7 ♘f7 31. ♘×e6 g3 (31...♖g2 32. ♔e3 g3 33. ♗c4+–) 32. f×g3 ♖×g3 33. ♗c4±.

22...♖a1 23. ♖×a1 ♖×a1+ 24. ♔d2 ♔g7 25. ♘c3

25. ♔e3↑.

25...♕d8.

25...♘×g4 26. ♖×g4 ♖×f1⇄.

26. ♕b2! ♕a5 27. ♔c2

27. f3 ♘g8∓.

27...♘×g4! 28. ♖×g4 ♖×f1 29. ♖f4?! .

⌓29. ♔d3 ♖h1∓.

29...♖a1 30. ♖e4 ♖a3∓ 31. d5 e×d5?

31...♗×b5!

a) 32. d×e6 ♗c6! 33. ♖c4 f×e6∓;

b) 32. ♖b4 e×d5

b1) 33. e6 d4 34. ♖×d4 f×e6 35. ♖b4 ♔g8∓;

b2) 33. ♖×b5 ♖×c3+ 34. ♔d2 (34. ♕×c3 ♕×b5 35. e6+ ♔f8 36. ♕h8+ ♔e7 37. e×f7 ♕e2+ 38. ♔c3 ♕f3+ 39. ♔d4 ♕×f2+ 40. ♔×d5 ♕×f7+–+).

32. e6! d4 33. e×d7 d×c3 34. ♕b4□ ♖a2+ 35. ♔×c3 ♕c7+ 36. ♕c4 ♕a5+ 37. ♕b4 ♕c7+ 38. ♕c4 ♕a5+ ½–½

Game 68

Cherniaev – Mason

Coventry Open 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♘c6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. g4 ♘fe7 11. ♘c3 ♘a5 12. ♘a4

a) 12. ♘d2!? ♖c8!? (12...♘g6 13. ♘a4±) 13. ♘a4 ♗×a4 14. ♕×a4+ ♘ac6 15. ♖c1 a6 16. ♘b3 h5 17. g5 ♘f5±;

b) 12. ♕c2!? ♘c4 13. ♗×c4 d×c4 14. ♘d2 ♖c8 15. ♘ce4 ♘d5 16. ♘×c4±.

12...♕c6 13. b5

13. ♘c5 ♘c4⇄.

13...♕c7 14. ♖c1?! .

14. ♘c5 ♘c4 15. ♕b3⇄.

14...♘c4∓ 15. ♘d2□

15. ♗×c4 d×c4 16. ♘c5 (16. ♘c3 ♘d5∓) 16...♗×b5∓.

15...♗×b5 16. ♘c3 ♗c6?! .

⌓16...a6∓.

17. ♗×c4 d×c4 18. ♘×c4?

18. ♘ce4 ♘g6 19. ♖×c4 ♕d7∓.

18...♘g6.

18...♗×h1 19. ♘b5 ♕b8! 20. ♘cd6+ ♔d7 21. ♖c7+ (21. f3 ♘d5∓) 21...♕×c7 22. ♘×c7 ♔×c7 23. ♘×f7 ♖g8 24. f3! ♘d5∓.

19. 0–0 ♘f4 20. f3 ♖d8?

a) 20...b5 21. ♘d6+ (21. ♘e3 ♕b7∓) 21...♗×d6 22. e×d6 ♕×d6 23. ♘e4 ♗×e4 24. f×e4 g5 25. d5∞;

b) 20...h5! 21. g5 ♕d8 22. h4 ♘g6∓ 23. ♘e4 ♘×h4 24. ♘cd6+ ♗×d6 25. ♘×d6+ ♔f8∓.

21. ♘e4∞ h5 22. g5 ♗e7

22...h4.

23. h4 f6?.

23...0–0 24. ♕d2 ♘g6∓.

24. g×f6 g×f6 25. e×f6 ♗×e4

25...♗f8 26. ♘e5 ♗d6 27. f7+ ♔f8 28. ♘×d6 ♕×d6 29. ♕c2+– or 29. d5!? ♗b5 (29...♗×d5 30. ♗c3+–) 30. ♖e1+–.

26. f×e4 ♗×f6 27. ♔h1

⌓27. ♕a4+! b5 28. ♕×b5+ ♔f8 29. ♔h1+–.

27...♖g8?.

27...0–0□ 28. ♘e5 ♕h7 29. ♖×f4 ♗×e5 30. ♖×f8+ ♖×f8 31. ♕c2 (31. ♕e2 ♖f4 32. ♕g2+ ♖g4 33. ♖c8+ ♔g7 34. d×e5 ♖×g2 35. ♖c7+ ♔g6 36. ♖×h7 ♖×b2 37. ♖e7 ♖b6=) 31...♕e7 (31...♖f4? 32. ♕c8++–) 32. ♖g1+ ♗g7 33. ♕h2 ♔h7⇄.

28. ♘e3+– ♕b8 29. ♕f3 ♘d3?

29...♗×d4 30. ♗×d4 ♖×d4 31. ♕×f4 ♕×f4 32. ♖×f4+–.

30. ♕×f6 1–0.

Game 69

Motylev – Anastasian
Dubai Open 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3 c×d4 7. c×d4 ♗b5 8. ♗×b5+ ♕×b5 9. ♘c3 ♕a6 10. b4 ♘d7 11. ♗d2 ♘e7 12. a4 ♕b6! 13. 0–0

13. a5 ♕d8 14. a6 ♖b8 15. a×b7 ♖×b7 16. b5±.

13...a6.

13...♕d8 14. a5 ♘f5 15. ♕b1±.

14. a5 ♕d8 15. b5±

15. ♘a4 ♘c6 16. ♘c5 ♖b8 17. ♕e2 ♗e7 18. ♖fc1±.

15...a×b5 16. ♘×b5.

16. ♕b3!? ♘c6 17. ♕×b5 ♕c8 (17...♖×a5 18. ♕×b7 ♖×a1 19. ♖×a1 ♘a5 20. ♖×a5+–) 18. ♖fc1 ♖a6 19. ♘a4↑.

16...♘c6 17. ♗g5 ♕b8

17...♕c8.

18. ♕c2 h6 19. a6!? .

19. ♗d2 ♗e7 20. a6 ♖×a6 21. ♖×a6 b×a6 22. ♘d6+ ♗×d6 23. ♕×c6 ♗c7 24. ♕×a6 0–0 25. ♖c1 ♘b6⇄.

19...h×g5 20. a×b7 ♖×a1 21. ♕×c6! ♖×f1+ 22. ♔×f1 ♗b4 23. ♘c7+ ♔e7 24. ♘a6□ ♕d8□ 25. ♘×b4 ♘b8 26. ♘×g5 ♔f8 27. ♕c8

27. ♕c5+!

a) 27...♕e7 28. ♕c8+ ♕e8 29. h3 (29. ♘f3 f6 30. ♔e2 ♔f7 31. ♕c7+ ♕e7 32. ♕×e7+ ♔×e7) 29...g6 30. ♘d3 ♔g7 31. ♕c5 ♕d7 32. ♕b4 ♘a6 33. ♕b6 ♕a4 34. ♔e2±;

b) 27...♔e8 28. h3 g6 (28...♕×g5 29. ♕c8+ ♕d8 30. ♘c6 ♘×c6 31. ♕×c6+ ♔e7 32. ♕c5+ ♔e8 33. ♕b5+ ♔e7 34. ♕b4++–) 29. f4 ♖h4 30. ♕c8+–.

27...♕e8 28. ♕c5+

28. ♔g1 g6 29. f4 ♔g7 30. ♕c7 ♕d7 31. ♕×d7 ♘×d7 32. ♘c6 ♘b8 33. ♘a7 ♖e8 34. ♘c8 f6 35. ♘d6 ♖e7 36. ♘f3±.

28...♔g8 29. ♕c8 ♔f8 30. ♘d3 g6

30...♖×h2 31. ♕c7 ♖h1+ 32. ♔e2 ♔g8 33. ♘×f7±.

31. ♘c5 ♔g7 32. ♕×e8?.

32. ♕c7! ♕b5+□ 33. ♔e1 ♕b4+ 34. ♔e2 ♕c4+ 35. ♔f3 ♕c3+ 36. ♔g4 ♕×d4+ 37. ♘ce4!+–.

32...♖×e8 33. h4 ♘c6 34. ♘a6 ♘b8 35. ♘c5= ½–½

Game 70

Fressinet – Halkias
6th European Championship, Warsaw 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3 a5 7. c4!? c×d4

7...♗c6!?.

8. c×d5 e×d5 9. ♕×d4 ♗c5 10. ♕d2 ♘e7 11. ♘c3 a4 12. ♗d3 ♘a6?!

12...♘bc6 13. 0–0 ♗g4⇄.

13. 0–0 ♘c7 14. ♕d1 0–0 15. ♗c2 ♕a6 16. ♗g5 ♗c6?! .

16...♖fe8.

17. ♖c1± ♘e6 18. ♗×e7 ♗×e7 19. ♘×d5 ♗c5 20. ♗×h7+

20. ♗d3 ♕a5∞.

20...♔×h7 21. ♖×c5.

21. ♘g5+ ♘×g5 22. ♕h5+ ♔g8 23. ♖×c5 ♗×d5 24. ♖×d5 ♘e6–+.

21...♖fd8??

21...♘×c5 22. ♘g5+ ♔h6□ 23. ♕d4!

a) 23...♕e2□ 24. f3! ♘e4□ 25. ♘×e4 ♗×d5 26. ♘c3 (26. ♕×d5 ♕×b2 27. ♘d6 ♕b3⇄) 26...♕c4 27. ♕d2+ ♔h7 28. ♕×d5 (28. ♘×d5 ♕c5+ 29. ♔h1 ♖fd8 30. ♖d1 ♔h8!–+) 28...♕×d5 29. ♘×d5 ♖a5 30. ♖d1 ♖c8⇄;

b) 23...♔h5? 24. ♕e3! ♘e6 25. ♘×e6 f×e6 26. h4 ♖f5 (26...♔×h4 27. ♕h3+ ♔g5 28. f4+ ♔g6 29. ♕g4+ ♔f7 30. ♕h5+ g6 31. ♕h7+ ♔e8 32. ♕e7#) 27. g4+ ♔g6 28. g×f5+ e×f5 29. ♕g5+ ♔h7 30. ♕×f5+ ♔h8 31. ♕h5+ ♔g8 32. ♘e7+ ♔f8 33. ♘g6+ ♔e8 34. ♕g5+–.

22. ♘g5+ +– ♔g8

22...♔g6 23. ♕g4+–;

22...♔h6 23. ♘×f7+ ♔g6 24. ♕c2+ ♔×f7 25. ♕f5+ ♔g8 (25...♔e8 26. ♕×e6+ ♔f8 27. ♕f5+ ♔e8 28. ♕h5+ ♔f8 29. e6+–) 26. ♘e7+ ♔h8 27. ♕h3#.

23. ♕h5

23. ♘×e6!? ♖×d5 24. ♖×d5 ♗×d5 25. ♘c7+–.

23...♗×d5.

23...♘×g5 24. ♘e7+ ♔f8 25. ♘f5 ♘f3+ 26. g×f3 ♔g8 27. ♕g5 g6 28. ♘e7+ ♔f8 29. e6+–.

24. ♕×f7+ ♔h8 25. ♕h5+ ♔g8 26. ♖×d5 ♘×g5 27. ♖×d8+ ♖×d8 28. ♕×g5 ♕b6 29. ♖e1 ♖f8 30. ♕d2 ♖d8 31. ♕c3 1–0

Game 71

Movsesian – Potkin

6th European Championship, Warsaw 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘ge7 7. ♘a3 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♘c2 ♕b6 10. h4!?

10. 0–0!.

10...♘b4 11. ♘×b4 ♕×b4+ 12. ♔f1 ♗b5 13. g4 ♗×e2+ 14. ♔×e2 ♘e7 15. h5 ♘c6

15...h6.

16. ♕d3.

16. h6 g6∓.

16...f6?!

16...h6!∓ 17. ♗d2 ♕b6 18. a4 a6!? (18...♗e7 19. a5 ♕d8 20. a6 ♕d7 21. ♖hc1↑) 19. a5 ♕d8 20. ♖hc1 ♗e7∓.

17. a3

17. e×f6 g×f6 18. ♖e1±.

17...♕b6.

17...♕e7 18. ♗f4±.

18. e×f6 g×f6 19. b4

19. ♖e1 !?.

19...0–0–0 .

19...a5 20. b5 ♘a7 21. ♖b1±.

20. ♗e3± ♔b8 21. g5 e5

21...♗e7.

22. d×e5 d4 23. ♗d2 ♘×e5 24. ♘×e5 f×e5 25. f3 e4?! .

25...♕e6⇄.

26. f×e4 ♕e6 27. ♖af1 ♕g4+ 28. ♕f3

28. ♔e1 ♗d6 29. ♖fg1±.

28...d3+ 29. ♔f2 ♕e6 30. ♕f6 ♗c5+?.

30...♕d7! 31. ♗f4+ ♔a8 32. ♕f5 (32. ♕×h8 ♗c5+ 33. b×c5 ♖×h8 34. ♗d6⇄) 32...♕e8!?

(32...♕d4+ 33. ♔f3 ♗d6 34. ♕f6! ♗×f4 35. ♕×d4 ♖×d4 36. ♔×f4 ♖e8 37. g6!±) 33. ♗e5 ♖g8 ⩲.

31. b×c5+– 1–0

Game 72

van Wely – Topalov
Dortmund 2005

1. d4 e6 2. e4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3?! f6! 7. ♗d3

7. b4 c4⇄.

7...♕c7 8. ♗f4 0–0–0 9. 0–0 c4 10. ♗c2 ♕b6.

10...g5!? 11. ♗g3 ♕b6 12. b3 c×b3 13. ♗×b3 g4 14. ♘fd2 f×e5∓.

11. b3 c×b3 12. ♗×b3 g5 13. ♗e3 g4 14. ♘e1 ♘a5! 15. ♗c2 f5

15...♘c4 16. e×f6 ♘×f6 17. ♗g5 ♗e7 18. ♘d2⇄.

16. ♘d3 ♔b8 17. a4.

17. ♘d2!? ♖c8 18. ♗a4 ♕d8 19. ♗×d7 ♕×d7 20. ♕c2±.

17...♖c8 18. ♕e2

18. ♗c1!? ♘c4 19. ♘d2±.

18...♕a6 19. ♕e1 b6 20. ♘a3 ♗×a3 21. ♖×a3 ♘e7 22. ♘b4 ♕b7 23. ♗d3 ♘c4 24. ♗×c4 d×c4 25. a5 b5 26. a6 ♕a8 27. ♕e2 ♘d5 28. ♘×d5 ♕×d5 29. f4 h5 30. ♖b1 h4 31. ♔f1 ♗c6 32. ♗g1 ♔a8 33. ♖b4 ♖b8 34. ♖a2 ♖b6 35. ♔e1 h3 36. g3 ♖c8 37. ♗e3 ♗d7 38. ♖a5 ♕h1+ 39. ♔d2 ♗c6 40. ♕f2 ♗d5 41. ♕g1 ♕e4 42. ♔c1 ♖cc6 43. ♕f2 ♖×a6 44. ♖a×b5 ♖a1+ 45. ♖b1 ♖×b1+ 46. ♖×b1 ♖a6 47. ♕d2 ♕h1+ 0–1

Game 73

Movsesian – Yusupov
Warsaw 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♖c8 7. 0–0 ♘ge7 8. ♘a3 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♘g6 10. ♘c2 ♗e7 11. ♘fe1?!

11. ♗d3.

11...f6! 12. f4.

12. e×f6 ♗×f6.

12...0–0 13. ♘d3 f×e5 14. f×e5 ♕b6

⌓14...♖×f1+ 15. ♗×f1 ♕c7∓.

15. ♗e3 ♘h4 16. ♔h1?! ♖×f1+ 17. ♗×f1 ♘f5 18. ♗g1.

18. ♗f2.

18...a5⇄ 19. ♖c1 ♗g5 20. ♖b1 ♗e8 21. ♘c5 ♘ce7 22. b4!± a4 23. b5 ♗g6 24. ♗d3 ♗h6 25. ♘×a4 ♕a5 26. ♘c5 b6 27. g4

27. ♘×e6 ♗f7 28. g4! ♗×e6 29. g×f5 ♗×f5 30. ♗×f5 ♘×f5 31. ♕d3 ♘e7 32. ♘b4±.

27...♘×d4 28. ♘×d4 b×c5 29. ♗×g6 ♘×g6 30. ♘×e6?!

⌓30. g5 c×d4 31. g×h6 ♕×a2 32. ♕g4!? ♖e8 (32...♕×b1 33. ♕×e6+ ♔f8 34. ♕×c8+ ♔f7 35. ♕g4 g×h6 36. ♕f3+ ♔e8 37. ♕×d5 ♘e7 38. ♕a8+ ♔f7 39. ♕f3+±) 33. ♖c1 g×h6 34. ♖c8! ♖×c8 35. ♕×e6+ ♔f8 36. ♕×c8+ ♔f7 37. ♕f5+ ♔e8 38. b6±.

30...♕×a2! 31. ♕b3?!

31. ♖a1 ♕c4 32. ♖a4 ♕×b5 33. ♕×d5 ♘e7 34. ♘c7+ ♘×d5 35. ♘×b5 ♗f4! 36. ♖e4 ♖c6 37. ♘d6 ♗×e5 38. ♖×e5 ♖×d6 39. ♗×c5 ♖d8=.

31...♕a8?

31...♕×b3 32. ♖×b3 c4 33. ♖a3 ♔f7

a) 34. ♖a6 c3 35. g5 c2 36. ♗e3 c1♕+ 37. ♗×c1 ♖×c1+ 38. ♔g2 ♘×e5 39. g×h6 g×h6=;

b) 34. ♘d4 ♘×e5 35. ♖a7+ ♔f6 36. ♖a6+ ♔f7= (36...♔g5 37. h3).

32. b6.

32. ♘×c5!±.

32...♕b7

32...c4 33. ♕h3 ♕c6 34. b7 ♕×e6 35. b×c8♕+ ♕×c8 36. ♕f3±.

33. ♘×c5+– ♕f7 34. b7 ♖b8 35. e6 ♕f4 36. ♕×d5 ♘e7 37. ♕e4 1–0

Game 74

Sveshnikov – Berend

37th Olympiad, Turin 2006

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. g4 ♘h6 11. ♖g1 f6 12. e×f6 g×f6 13. ♘c3 ♘f7 14. ♘a4 ♕c7 15. ♖c1 ♕f4 16. ♘c5 ♗×c5 17. d×c5

17. ♖×c5∞.

17...♘fe5 18. ♘×e5.

18. ♖g3!? ♖f8 19. ♗e2∞.

18...f×e5!?

18...♘×e5 19. ♖g3 a5!?∞.

19. ♕d2.

19. b5 ♘d4 20. ♗×d4 e×d4 21. c6 b×c6 22. b×c6 ♗c8⇄.

19...♕×d2+ 20. ♔×d2 0–0

20...♘d4!?⇄.

21. ♔e1 ♖f4?! .

a) 21...♘d4 22. ♗×d4 e×d4⇄;

b) 21...a6

b1) 22. ♖g3 ♘d4 23. ♗g2 ♖f4⇄;

b2) 22. g5 ♘d4 23. ♗×d4 e×d4∓ 24. ♖g3 (24. ♗h3 ♖ad8 25. ♖g3 e5 26. ♗g2 ♗b5 27. h4) 24...e5 25. ♗g2 ♗e6 26. h4⇄.

22. b5 ♘d4

22...♖e4+ 23. ♗e2 ♘d4 24. ♗×d4 e×d4 25. ♔d2 (25. c6 b×c6 26. b×c6 ♗×c6 27. ♖×c6 d3 28. ♔d2 d×e2 29. f3 ♖a4 30. ♖a1∓) 25...♖f8 26. ♖g2⇄.

23. ♗×d4 e×d4

23...♖×d4 24. ♖g3±.

24. c6 b×c6 25. b×c6 ♗c8 26. c7 a5!? .

26...e5!? 27. ♖b1 ♗e6 28. ♖b8+ ♖f8 29. ♖×a8 ♖×a8 30. f4± (30. ♗a6 ♗c8 31. ♗e2±).

27. ♖g3 a4 28. ♖d3

28. g5 ♖f7 29. g6 h×g6 30. ♖×g6+ ♔h8 31. ♖g4 ♖a7 32. ♖×d4 ♖f×c7 33. ♖×c7 ♖×c7 34. ♗b5±.

28...♖a7 29. ♖d2

29. h3±.

29...♖f3.

29...♖f7 30. ♖×d4 ♖a×c7 31. ♖×c7 ♖×c7 32. ♗b5 ♖c5 33. ♖b4 ♖c3 34. ♖×a4 e5 35. h4±.

30. ♗d3!?

30. ♖×d4 ♖×a3 31. ♖b4 ♖f3!⇄.

30...e5 31. ♖b2!± e4 32. ♖b8 ♖f8 33. ♗b5 ♔g7 34. f4!?

34. h3!?±.

34...d3.

34...♗×g4 35. ♖×f8 ♔×f8 36. c8♕+ ♗×c8 37. ♖×c8+ ♔e7 38. ♖c6 ♖a5 (38...h5 39. h4±).

35. ♖c5

35. h3±.

35...♗×g4 36. ♖×d5.

36. ♖×f8 ♔×f8 37. c8♕+ ♗×c8 38. ♖×c8+ ♔e7 39. ♔d2 ♖b7 40. ♗×a4 ♖b2+ 41. ♔e3 (41. ♔c3 ♖a2 42. ♔d4 ♖×a3⇄) 41...♖×h2 42. ♔d4±.

36...♖×c7 37. ♖g5+ ♔f7 38. ♖×f8+ ♔×f8 39. ♖×g4+– ♖c3?!

39...♖c2 40. ♖g3 ♖e2+ 41. ♔f1! ♔f7 42. ♖g2 ♖c2 43. ♗×a4 ♖c3 (43...♖c1+ 44. ♔f2 d2 45. ♔e2 e3 46. ♗d1+–) 44. ♖a2 e3 45. ♖a1 ♔f6 46. ♗b5 ♔f5 47. a4 ♔×f4 48. a5 d2 49. ♖a4+ ♔e5 50. ♗e2 ♖c1+ 51. ♔g2 d1♕ 52. ♗×d1 ♖×d1 53. ♔f3+–.

40. ♔d2 ♖×a3 41. ♗c4 ♖a1 42. f5 a3 43. f6 ♔e8 44. f7+ ♔e7 45. ♖×e4+ 1–0

Game 75

Shabalov – Abrahamyan

34th World Open, Philadelphia 2006

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4

♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. ♖a2!? ♖c8 11. ♗a1 ♗e7 12. ♗e2 h5 13. 0–0 g5 14. ♖d2?!

14. b5 ♘a5 15. a4 g4 16. ♘e1⇄.

14...g4 15. ♘e1 ♗g5 16. b5.

16. ♖d3 ♘c×d4 17. ♗×d4 ♘×d4 18. ♖×d4 ♖c1 19. ♕d3 ♖×b1 20. ♘c2 ♖×f1+ 21. ♗×f1 ♕c7!∓.

16...♘a5

16...♘ce7∓.

17. ♖c2 ♖×c2 18. ♘×c2 ♗×b5∓ 19. ♘c3 ♗d7?!.

19...♗×e2 20. ♕×e2 ♘c4 21. ♖b1 ♕c6∓.

20. ♗d3⩲ ♘h4 21. ♕e2 a6 22. ♖b1 ♕d8 23. ♘e3 ♖g8 24. ♔h1 b5 25. a4 b×a4 26. ♗×a6 ♘b3 27. ♕d3?!

27. ♘×a4! ♗×a4 28. ♗b5+ ♗×b5 29. ♕×b5+ ♔f8 30. ♕×b3 (30. ♖×b3 ♗×e3 31. f×e3 ♘f5 32. ♕f1⇄) 30...♔g7 31. ♕d3 ♘g6 32. ♗c3⇄.

27...♕a5∓ 28. ♘e2 ♘×a1 29. ♖×a1 ♗×e3 30. f×e3 ♘f5 31. ♘c3 ♔e7 32. e4 d×e4 33. ♘×e4 ♗c6 34. ♖c1?

34. ♕a3+! ♔d8 35. ♘f6 ♖h8 36. ♗d3↑.

34...♗×e4–+ 35. ♕×e4 ♕×a6 36. d5 ♖c8 37. d6+ ♔d8 38. ♖d1 ♕c4 39. ♕e1 ♕c3 0–1

Game 76

Sveshnikov – Ghane Gardeh
36th Olympiad, Calvià 2004

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♗d7 5. ♘f3 ♘c6 6. ♗e3 ♘ge7 7. ♗d3

7. d×c5!?.

7...♕b6 8. d×c5!? ♕×b2 9. 0–0 ♘f5.

9...g5!?∞; 9...♕×a1 10. ♕d2±.

10. ♗×f5 e×f5

10...♕×a1 11. ♕d2 e×f5 12. ♘a3 ♕×f1+ 13. ♔×f1±.

11. ♘bd2.

11. ♕b3 ♕×b3 12. a×b3 a6⇄.

11...♕×c3 12. ♖b1 d4

12...♖b8.

13. ♖×b7 ♗×c5□.

13...♕×c5 14. ♘×d4 ♘×d4 15. ♖×d7 ♔×d7 16. ♘b3+–.

14. ♘b3 ♗b6 15. ♘b×d4?

15. ♘f×d4! ♘×d4 16. ♖×d7!

a) 16...♘×b3 17. ♕d6 ♗c5 18. ♗×c5 ♕×c5 19. ♖e7+ ♔f8 20. ♖×a7+! ♕×d6 21. ♖×a8+ ♔e7 22. e×d6+ ♔×d6 23. ♖×h8+–;

b) 16...♘e2+ 17. ♕×e2 ♔×d7 18. ♕b5+ ♔e7 19. ♖c1 ♕×e3 20. f×e3 ♗×e3+ 21. ♔f1 ♗×c1 22. ♕c5++–;

c) 16...♔×d7 17. ♗×d4 ♗×d4 18. ♘×d4+– ♔e8 (18...♔c8 19. ♘b5 ♕c5 20. ♘d6+ ♔c7 21. ♕d2+–) 19. ♘×f5 ♖d8 20. ♕a4+ ♔f8 21. ♕×a7 ♕×e5 22. ♕a3+ ♔g8 23. ♘e7+ ♔f8 24. ♘g6+ ♔g8 25. ♘×e5+–.

15...♘×d4 16. ♖×d7 ♘×f3+

16...♔×d7 17. ♗×d4 ♗×d4 18. ♘×d4.

17. ♕×f3 0–0□.

17...♔×d7 18. ♖d1+ ♔e7 19. ♗g5+ f6 20. e×f6+ g×f6 21. ♕×c3+–.

18. ♕×f5 ♖ae8!

18...♗×e3 19. f×e3 ♕c4! 20. a4 ♖ae8 21. ♖×a7±.

19. ♗×b6.

⌓19. ♗f4!?±.

19...a×b6 20. f4± ♖a8 21. ♕b1 ♕e3+ 22. ♔h1 ♕e2 23. ♖g1 ♕×a2 24. ♕×b6 ♖ab8 25. ♕d4± h6 26. h3 ♕e6 27. ♖f1 ♖b3 28. f5 ♕a6 29. ♖a1 ♕c6 30. ♔h2 ♖b2 31. ♖g1 ♖b4 32. ♕×b4 ♕×d7 33. ♕e4 ♕c7 34. ♔h1 ♖e8 35. ♖e1 ♕c3± 1–0

Game 77

Sveshnikov – Bochkarev
Riga (Rapidplay) 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 a5 7. b3 f6

7...♗d7 8. ♗e2 (8. ♗e3 ♘h6 9. ♗d3 ♘g4 10. 0–0 ♗e7 11. ♘bd2 ♘×e3 12. f×e3 0–0⇄) 8... c×d4 9. c×d4 ♘ge7⇄.

8. ♗d3 ♗d7 9. 0–0 c×d4 10. c×d4± f5?! 11. ♗e2 h6 12. h4 ♗e7 13. h5 ♗f8

13...♔d8!?.

14. ♘c3 ♘ge7 15. ♘a4 ♕c7 16. ♖a2 g5 17. h×g6 ♘×g6 18. ♘e1 ♗e7 19. ♗h5 ♔f7 20. ♖c2 ♕d8 21. ♘d3 ♔g7 22. ♗×g6 ♔×g6 23. ♘ac5+– ♘×d4 24. ♘f4+ ♔h7 25. ♕×d4 ♗×c5 26. ♖×c5 ♖g8 27. ♗e3 ♖g4 28. f3 ♖g5 29. ♖fc1 h5 30. ♖c7 +– 1–0

Game 78

Sveshnikov – Galstian

Aeroflot Open, Moscow 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♕b6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. a3 a5 7. b3

a) 7. a4!? ♘c6 8. ♗b5 c×d4 9. c×d4 ♖c8 10. ♘c3 ♘ge7 11. 0–0 ♘f5⇄;

b) 7. ♗e2 ♘c6 8. 0–0 a4 9. ♗d3

b1) 9...♘a5 10. ♗c2 ♘c4 11. ♖a2!?±;

b2) 9...c×d4 10. c×d4 ♘×d4 11. ♘×d4 ♕×d4 12. ♘c3⩲ (12. ♕e2⩲).

7...♘c6!? 8. ♗e3

8. ♗e2!? c×d4 (8...♘ge7 9. d×c5 ♕c7 10. 0–0±) 9. c×d4 ♘ge7 10. ♖a2 (10. ♘c3 ♘f5 11. ♘a4 ♕a7 12. ♗b2 b5! 13. ♗×b5 ♘×e5 14. ♗×d7+ ♘×d7 15. ♖c1⇄) 10...♘f5 11. ♖d2 ♗e7 12. 0–0 ♖c8 13. ♗b2 h5 14. ♘c3 g5 15. ♘a4 ♕a7 16. ♘e1 g4 17. ♘c2⇄.

8...♘h6 9. ♗d3 ♘g4 10. 0–0 ♗e7 11. ♘bd2

11. d×c5

a) 11...♘×e3 12. c×b6 ♘×d1 13. ♖×d1 ♗c5 14. c4 ♘d4⇄ 15. c×d5 ♘×b3 16. ♖a2 e×d5 17. ♘c3 d4 18. ♘d5 ♖d8 19. ♗c4±;

b) 11...♕c7 12. ♕e2 (12. ♗d4 ♘g×e5 13. ♘×e5 ♘×e5 14. ♖e1 ♘×d3 15. ♕×d3 ♗×c5 16. ♗×g7 ♕f4⇄) 12...♘g×e5 13. ♘×e5 ♕×e5;

If 13...♘×e5 then 14. ♗f4 f6 15. b4 0–0 16. ♘d2 b6 17. ♘f3 ♘×f3+ 18. ♕×f3 ♕c6 19. c×b6 ♕×b6 (19...e5 20. ♖fe1 (20. ♕h5!? g6 21. ♗×g6 h×g6 22. ♕×g6+ ♔h8 23. ♕h5+ ♔g8 24. ♗h6 f5 25. ♗×f8 ♗×f8 26. b×a5 ♖×a5 27. ♖fb1±) 20...♗e6 21. b×a5±) 20. ♖fe1± (20. ♖fb1 ♖ac8⇄).

11...♘×e3 12. f×e3 0–0 13. ♕b1 g6 14. h4

14. ♕e1⇄.

14...c×d4 15. c×d4.

15. e×d4 f5∞ (15...f6 16. ♗×g6 h×g6 17. ♕×g6+ ♔h8=).

15...♔g7 16. ♕e1 f5 17. e×f6+ ♗×f6 18. ♕g3 ♖ac8!

18...e5.

19. ♘g5?! .

19. ♖ac1⇄.

19...♕c7! 20. ♕g4?!

20. ♕×c7 ♖×c7 21. ♖ac1 h6∓.

20...e5 21. ♘e6+ ♗×e6 22. ♕×e6 e4∓ .

22...e×d4–+.

23. ♗b5 ♘×d4 24. e×d4 ♗×d4+ 25. ♔h1 ♗×a1 –+ 26. ♖×a1 ♕f4 27. ♖f1 ♕×h4+ 28. ♔g1 ♖×f1+ 29. ♘×f1 ♖d8 30. ♕b6 ♕e7 31. ♘g3 ♖d6 32. ♕×a5 b6 33. ♕b4

⌓33. ♕c3+.

33...♕e5 34. ♘f1 d4 35. ♘d2 ♖e6 36. ♗d7 ♖f6 37. ♗b5 h5 38. a4 h4 39. ♕c4

39. ♘c4 ♕f4–+.

39...h3 40. ♕e2 e3 41. ♘f3 ♕g3 42. ♗d3 ♖c6 43. ♗c4 ♖×c4! 44. b×c4 d3 45. ♕b2+ ♔h7 46. ♘e5 d2 0–1

Game 79

Sveshnikov – Monakhov

Miass 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♘h6 7. ♗×h6

7. ♘a3; 7. 0–0.

7...g×h6 8. 0–0 ♕b6 9. ♕d2 ♗g7 10. ♘a3 c×d4 11. c×d4 0–0 12. ♘c2 f6 13. e×f6 ♖×f6 14. b4 ♖af8 15. a4

15. b5 ♘a5 (15...♘e7 16. ♘e5 ♗e8 17. a4±) 16. ♘e5 ♗e8 17. ♗d3±.

15...♖f4 16. a5 ♕d8 17. b5 ♘e7 18. ♖a3±

18. a6 b6 19. ♖a3±.

18...♕e8 19. ♖b1 ♘g6 20. g3?! .

20. b6! a×b6 21. ♖×b6 ♗c6 22. a6 b×a6 23. ♖a×a6 ♗d7 24. ♖a7 ♖4f7 25. ♘e3 ♘f4 (25...e5 26. ♘×d5 e4 27. ♘e5 ♘×e5 28. d×e5 ♕×e5 29. ♗c4 ♔h8 30. ♘e3 ♖×f2 31. ♕×d7+–) 26. ♗d1±.

20...♖4f5 21. ♕d1?!

21. b6±.

21...♕f7 22. ♔g2?! .

22. b6±.

22...e5 23. d×e5 ♘×e5 24. ♘cd4 ♔h8?

24...♖h5⇄.

25. ♖bb3?.

25. ♘×f5 ♗×f5 26. ♘×e5 ♗×e5 27. ♖bb3±.

25...♖h5 26. ♕e1 ♗c8 27. ♘×e5 ♖×e5 28. ♖e3?

28. ♖f3±.

28...♖×e3 29. f×e3 ♗×d4.

29...♕e7–+.

30. e×d4 ♕e7 31. ♖f3 ♖e8∓ ½–½

Game 80

Sveshnikov – Rustemov

Russian League (Rapidplay), Dagomys 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 ♘e7 4. ♘f3 b6 5. c3 ♕d7 6. a4 ♗a6 7. ♗×a6 ♘×a6 8. 0–0 c5 9. ♕e2 ♘c7 10. b3 ♘c6 11. ♗e3 ♗e7 12. ♖d1 c×d4 13. c×d4 0–0 14. ♗g5 ♘a5 15. ♕d3 ♖fc8 16. ♘bd2 ♗f8 17. ♘f1 h6 18. ♗d2 ♘e8 19. g4 ♗e7 20. h4 ♖c7 21. g5 h×g5 22. h×g5 ♖ac8 23. ♘1h2 ♘c6 24. g6 ♗d8 25. ♘g4 f5!? 26. ♘gh2?!

26. e×f6! g×f6 (26...♗×f6 27. ♘fe5±) 27. ♘h6+ ♔g7 28. ♘f7 ♗e7 29. ♗h6+ ♔g8 30. ♗f4 ♘b4 31. ♕f1 e5 32. d×e5 ♕g4+ 33. ♕g2 ♕×g2+ (33...♕×f4 34. ♕h3+–) 34. ♔×g2±.

26...a5 27. ♘g5?!

27. ♘e1±; 27. ♕e2!± ♘e7 28. ♘h4+–.

27...♗×g5 28. ♗×g5 ♘e7□ 29. ♕h3 ♘×g6 30. ♘f3 ♖c3 31. ♔g2 ♖×b3 32. ♖ac1 ♖cc3 33. ♖×c3 ♖×c3 34. ♖b1 ♕×a4 35. ♖×b6 ♕d7! 36. ♗d2 ♖c6?

a) 36...a4?!⇄

a1) 37. ♕h5 ♖b3 38. ♖a6 ♘f8∓;

a2) 37. ♖b1!? ♖b3 38. ♖h1 ♔f8 (38...♘f8 39. ♕h8+ ♔f7 40. ♘g5+ ♔e7 41. ♕g8+–) 39. ♕h5→;

b) 36...♖a3! 37. ♖b8 ♘f8 38. ♕h5 g6 39. ♕h4∞.

37. ♖b1± ♖c8 38. ♘g5 ♔f8 39. ♕h5 ♖c2 40. ♕×g6 ♖×d2 41. ♘×e6+ ♔e7 42. ♘c5 1–0

Game 81

Sveshnikov – Filippov

Satka 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♘h6 6. d×c5 ♗×c5 7. b4 ♗e7 8. ♗×h6 g×h6 9. b5 ♘b8

9...♘a5 10. ♗d3±.

10. ♗d3 f5?.

10...♕c7.

11. 0–0

11. ♘d4!? 0–0 12. f4±.

11...0–0 .

⌓11...♕c7.

12. c4!± b6 13. ♘c3

13. c×d5 ♕×d5 14. ♘c3 ♕c5 15. ♘e2+–.

13...♗b7 14. c×d5 ♗×d5 15. ♘×d5 ♕×d5 16. ♕e2+– ♖c8 17. ♖fd1 ♕c5 18. ♕d2 ♔g7 19. ♖ac1 1–0

Game 82

Sveshnikov – Dizdar
Slovenian Championship, Bled 2005

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 ♘h6 7. b4 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘f5 9. ♗b2 ♗d7 10. g4 ♘h6 11. ♖g1 ♖c8!?

11...f6?! 12. e×f6 g×f6 13. ♘c3±.

12. ♘c3 ♘a5 13. ♘a4.

13. ♘d2.

13...♕c6 14. ♘c5

14. b×a5 ♕×a4 15. ♕×a4 ♗×a4 16. ♗d3⇄.

14...♘c4□ 15. ♗c1.

15. ♗c3 b6 16. ♘×d7 ♕×d7 17. ♗d3∞.

15...♘g8!? 16. ♗d3

16. ♖g3∞.

16...♗×c5 17. d×c5.

17. b×c5 b6∓.

17...b6! 18. ♗×c4∓ ½–½

Game 83

Sveshnikov – Topi-Hulmi
Keres Memorial (Rapidplay), Tallinn 2006

1. e4 c5 2. c3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. e5 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♕b6 7. 0–0 c×d4 8. c×d4 ♘ge7 9. ♘a3 ♘f5 10. ♘c2 ♗e7 11. ♗d3

11. b4; 11. b3; 11. g4.

11...g6 12. g4!? .

12. b3.

12...♘h4

12...♘g7?!.

13. ♘×h4 ♗×h4 14. g5 h6 15. g×h6 0–0–0 .

15...♗e7.

16. b4! ♗e7

16...f5 17. e×f6 ♗×f6 18. ♗e3 ♘e7 19. a4±.

17. ♗e3.

17. a4.

17...♗f8 18. ♕d2 ♘e7 19. a4 ♖e8 20. a5 ♕d8 21. ♗g5 ♔b8 22. b5 ♔a8 23. ♖fc1+– ♕b8 24. b6 a6 25. ♘b4 ♘f5 26. ♘×a6 b×a6 27. ♗×f5

27. ♗×a6+–.

27...g×f5 28. ♖c7 ♗b5 29. ♖ac1 ♗c4.

29...♗a3.

30. ♖1×c4 d×c4 31. ♕e2 ♕×c7 32. b×c7 ♔b7 33. ♕b2+ ♔×c7 34. ♕b6+ ♔d7 35. ♕b7# 1–0

Game 84

Sveshnikov – Bareev
37th Olympiad, Turin 2006

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗d7 6. ♗e2 ♖c8 7. 0–0 a6 8. ♘a3!?

8. d×c5; 8. b3.

8...c×d4.

8...♘ge7 Sveshnikov – Razuvaev, Moscow (Rapidplay) 1992 (game 98 on page 79).

9. c×d4 ♗×a3

9...♘ge7.

10. b×a3 ♘ge7 11. ♖b1 ♘a5 12. a4.

12. ♗d3.

12...♗c6 13. ♗d3± h6

13...♘c4 14. ♘d2 (14. ♘g5 h6 15. ♕h5 g6 16. ♕h3†) 14...♘f5 (14...0–0 15. ♕h5†) 15. ♗×f5 e×f5 16. ♕f3±.

14. ♗c2

14. ♘d2!? ♘c4 15. ♕g4†.

14...♘c4 15. ♘e1 a5?! 16. h4!? .

16. ♕g4 g6±.

16...♘f5 17. g3 0–0

17...♕d7 18. ♘g2⇄.

18. ♘g2 ♕e7 19. ♘f4.

19. ♕d3 h5 (19...f6 20. g4 f×e5 21. g×f5 e4 22. ♕g3 ♖×f5 23. ♗×h6 ♘a3 24. ♖bc1 ♘×c2

25. ♖×c2 ♕f6 26. ♗e3±) 20. ♘f4 g6 21. ♕c3 ♘g7 22. ♘d3±.

19...♘a3 20. ♗×f5 e×f5 21. ♗×a3

21. ♖b2 ♘c4 22. ♖e2 ♕d7 23. ♕d3 ♗×a4 24. e6 f×e6 25. ♘×e6 ♗b5∓.

21...♕×a3 22. ♕h5?! .

22. ♕b3 ♕e7 23. ♘×d5 ♗×d5 24. ♕×d5 ♖fd8 25. ♕×b7 ♕×b7 26. ♖×b7 ♖×d4 27. ♖fb1±.

22...♕×a4 23. ♖fd1 ♕c2 24. ♖e1 ♖ce8 25. ♖bc1 ♕b2 26. ♖cd1

26. ♕×f5 ♕×d4 27. ♖cd1 ♕c4 28. ♖d2∞.

26...♗a4 27. ♖c1 ♕×d4 28. ♕×f5 ♗c6 29. ♖cd1 ♕b4 30. ♕d3 ♕c4 31. ♕d2 a4 32. ♖c1

32. ♘×d5 ♕g4∓.

32...♕b5 33. ♕d4 a3 34. ♖c2 ♖e7 35. ♖c3 ♖a8 36. ♖b3 ♕c4 37. ♕d2 d4 38. ♖c1?!

38. ♖b4 ♕c5∓ 39. ♕×d4 ♖×e5!−+.

38...♕a4!∓ 39. ♖b4 ♕a5 40. e6 f×e6 41. ♕×d4 ♖d8 42. ♕c4 ♕f5 43. ♖e1 g5 44. ♖×e6 ♖×e6 0–1

Game 85

Sveshnikov – Batchuluun

37th Olympiad, Turin 2006

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. a3 c4 7. ♘bd2 ♘a5 8. g3 ♗d7 9. h4 0–0–0 10. ♗h3 f5 11. e×f6 g×f6 12. 0–0 ♘h6

12...♘e7.

13. ♖e1?! .

13. ♖b1; 13. b4!? c×b3 14. ♖b1 ♘f5 15. ♘×b3 ♗a4 16. ♘fd2 ♔b8 17. ♖e1±.

13...♗g7

13...e5! 14. ♗×d7+ ♖×d7 15. d×e5 ♗c5→.

14. ♖b1 ♖he8 15. ♕c2 e5 16. ♗×d7+ ♖×d7 17. ♕×h7?.

17. b3 c×b3 18. ♘×b3 ♘×b3 19. ♖×b3 ♕a6 20. ♗×h6 (20. ♕×h7 ♖h8 21. ♕g6 e4 22. ♘d2 ♕d3 23. ♘f1 ♕c4 24. ♖b1±) 20...♗×h6 21. d×e5 ♗g7 22. c4 d×c4 23. ♖c3 ♖c7 24. ♕×h7±.

17...f5

17...e4 18. ♕g6∞.

18. h5?! .

18. ♘×e5 ♗×e5 19. ♘×c4 ♘×c4 (19...♖×h7 20. ♘×b6+ a×b6 21. ♗×h6 ♖×h6 22. d×e5∓).

18...e4!−+ 19. b4 c×b3 20. ♘×b3 ♖h8 21. ♘×a5 ♕×b1 22. ♕g6 ♕b6

22...e×f3 23. ♘c6 b×c6 24. ♕×c6+ ♖c7 25. ♕e6+ ♔b7 26. ♗×h6 ♕b5 27. ♗f4⩲.

23. ♘e5 ♗×e5 24. d×e5 ♕×g6 25. h×g6 ♘g4 26. ♗f4 ♖e7 27. ♖b1 ♖g8 28. ♖b5

28. e6 ♖×g6 29. ♘c6 ♖g×e6 30. ♘×a7+ ♔d8 31. ♗g5 ♘f6 32. ♘b5 ♖g7 33. ♘d4 ♖a6 34. ♗×f6+ ♖×f6 35. ♖b5 ♖d7∓.

28...♖×g6 29. ♖×d5 ♖b6 30. ♘c4?

30. e6 ♖e×e6 (30...♖b1+ 31. ♔g2 ♖×e6 32. ♖×f5 ♖b2 33. ♖c5+ ♔d8∓) 31. ♖×f5 ♖b1+ 32. ♔g2 ♖b2∓.

30...♖b1+ 31. ♔g2 ♖h7−+ 32. ♘d6+

32. ♖c5+ ♔d7 33. e6+ ♔×e6−+.

32...♔c7!.

32...♔b8 33. ♘×e4 f×e4 34. e6+ ♔c8 35. ♖c5+ ♔d8 36. ♗g5+ ♖e7 37. ♖c4 ♖b2 38. ♖×e4 ♘×f2 39. ♖d4+ ♔e8 40. ♗×e7 ♔×e7 41. ♔f3 ♔×e6∓.

33. ♘e8+ ♔c6 34. ♖d6+ ♔c5 35. ♗e3+ ♔c4 36. ♗h6 ♖×h6 0–1

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